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VOTER

May, June, July 2016

LWVSD Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 4

10 am - 2 pm

Please refer to pages 7-13 for information items which are presented as proposals to the membership 30 days in advance of the Annual Business Meeting and will be voted on at the meeting:

- Proposed Order of Business,
- Proposed Program 2016-2017,
- Proposed Budget 2016-2017,
- Proposed Policy Changes, and
- Proposed Officers and Directors 2016-2018.

Please RSVP by June 1 by phone (858) 483-8696 or email lwvsandiego@gmail.com.

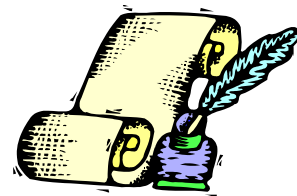


These issues of the Voter are the last until late summer and are packed with information and activities we hope you will enjoy. We also provide information via email 'blasts' and on our websites. Your Leagues provide so many opportunities to be involved in your city, county, state, and nation — to make your voice heard — to be informed on political affairs — to interact with others who care and who make a difference. We are involved with so many facets of life that are important to all of us, from erosion of our hillsides to mental health issues to education for our youngest students to those pursuing higher degrees. We learn about immigration issues, oversee government at all levels, provide mock elections for high school students. We welcome members of all racial, religious, and political groups but remain staunchly non-partisan. We enjoy the participation of many men: The League of Women Voters' name does not imply 'women-only' but is a historic reminder that we arose from the Women's Suffrage Movement.

Come on out and bring your friends!

President's Message

The June election is upon us and the League is busy with mock elections in high schools and with candidate debates all over town. We are registering new voters faster than we have in years. This primary season promises to bring in a much higher percentage of voters and that is keeping us very busy. If you are interested in helping with any of these exciting events, please let me know. Our upcoming debates will be listed elsewhere in this issue.



Be sure to mark June 4 on your calendar for our Annual Meeting. We will have Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director of the San Diego Ethics Commission as our speaker. We will be electing new officers and adjusting some of our positions as well as voting for a new study. We need you all to participate. The League is one of the best examples of a “grassroots” organization and we need those “roots” to be thriving!

Learn more about the Ethics Commission here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/ethics/about>

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Jeanne Brown



Sunday, May 8, 12:30 PM

Join the fun ...

a MOTHER'S DAY treat ...

at the San Diego Repertory Theatre for the 2:00 PM performance of

Rapture, Blister, Burn

Please join the Women's Museum of California and the League of Women Voters of San Diego for an afternoon in the theatre. At 12:30 PM enjoy a glass of champagne followed at 1:00 PM with a “Surround Event,” highlighting the history of feminism in San Diego. At 2:00 PM the San Diego Repertory Theatre presents ***Rapture, Blister, Burn*** in the Lyceum Space. at 79 Horton Plaza.

What do women really want? Find out at this Pulitzer Prize nominated hit comedy from “House of Cards” writer Gina Gionfriddo. Three generations of women reach for the secret of love, sex, success, and happiness. “A smart, funny, and lightning-paced look at feminism.”—*New York Daily News*

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LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ May, June, July

Tues	May 3	5:30 pm	LWVSD Board, Board Room, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Sat	May 7	12 noon	Voter Service Committee , home of Margaret Stevenson; contact Chair Amanda Berg for more information: amandalberg@gmail.com . 858-603-3733, p 4
Fri	May 13	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	May 20	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Wed	May 25	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 305
Mon	Jun 6	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	Jun 10	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Wed	Jun 15	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 307
Fri	Jun 17	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Sat	Jun 25	10 am	LWVSD Board Retreat, Beryl Flom's home
Mon	Jun 27	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Tues	July 5	5:30 pm	Membership Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	July 8	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	July 15	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Wed	July 20	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 305

LWVSD Activities ~ May, June, July ~ Mark your Calendars!

Thurs	May 5	6 pm	LWVSD City Council District 5 Forum
Fri	May 6	11am-2pm	Early Childhood Education: Supporting Quality in a New Framework, flyer Apr Voter
Sun	May 8	12:30 pm	"Rupture, Blister, Burn" - San Diego Rep, Lyceum Space. 79 Horton Plaza, pp 2-3
Sat	May 14	9:30 am	Campus Justice & Sexual Assault Study Consensus Mtg, Mission Valley Library, p 6
Sun	May 15	6-8 pm	LWVSD San Diego City Attorney Candidate Forum, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 1155 Island Ave, San Diego, CA 92101
Sat	May 21	10am-1pm	LWVSDC (ILO) County Convention, Scripps Ranch Library, p 1 ILO Voter (green)
Wed	May 25	6-8 pm	Meet the Candidates, San Diego Central Library, 330 Park Blvd, San Diego, p 4
Sat	June 4	10am-1pm	LWVSD Annual Meeting, Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Pkwy, San Diego, p 7-13
Tues	June 7		State of California Primary Election
Sat	June 18	3 pm	Climate Change Tour, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, p 6

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



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The (True) History of Feminism in San Diego — Sunday, May 8, 1 PM, before the 2 PM show, Ashley Gardner, Executive Director of the Women's Museum of California, hosts a conversation about the history and future of the Women's Movement in San Diego. Her guests are: Associate Professor of Women's Studies at SDSU Dr. Doreen Mattingly; Past Board President of the Women's Museum Anne Hoiberg; SDSU Women's Studies Graduate Student Emma Fuller; and former U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Schenk.

(25% of all single ticket sales for this performance will benefit programming at the Women's Museum.)



The League of Women Voters of San Diego

invites you to attend a

Meet the Candidates Reception and Forum

for the following positions to be decided with the June 7 primary election:

- County Board of Supervisors Districts 2 and 3
- Mayor of San Diego
- City of San Diego Council Districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9
- San Diego City Attorney
- San Diego County Board of Education Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5
- San Diego Unified School Districts A and E
- San Diego Community College District D
- Grossmont Community College District Seat 4
- Superior Court Judge Offices 25 and 38

Wednesday, May 25, 6–8 pm

San Diego Central Library



- Candidates will each make two minute introductory statements.
- Time will be provided to network and ask questions of candidates in an informal atmosphere.
- Forum will follow League of Women Voters protocols.
- Light refreshments will be served.
- **The public is invited.**



If you have questions, please call Jeanne Brown LWVSD President, at (619) 857-1807.

A Walk in the Park To See the Effects of Climate Change



Now that summer is upon us, LWWSD has planned a hike with Senior Park Ranger Michael Ruiz at Sunset Cliffs Natural Park - the regional park you may have not seen - on Saturday, June 18 at 3:00 p.m. The setting is magnificent - down the cliffs from Point Loma Nazarene College and right next to the ocean. Serious erosion has caused deep gullies and canyons, but finally the city is slowly improving it. An anonymous donor has provided a couple of acres of wonderful native plants. The City Council, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council, and the California Coastal Commission all approved a Master Plan in 2005 which is now being funded and implemented.

Two of the most persistent advocates for the park are Ann Swanson, Chair of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council and Debra Blum, longtime League member. Ann will be joining us on the hike and Debra will probably show up. You are welcome to bring kids or grandkids, friends and neighbors for a two-hour outing,

but you MUST be able to walk on uneven and hilly (not steep) surfaces and be sure of foot. Bring sun lotion, a hat, and water. After we walk around the southern part of the park, we will drive down the coastal arm of the park to see where climate change has caused a section of the cliff (and a parking lot) to separate from the mainland. Please meet at the Ladera Street Parking Lot and try to carpool. No reservations are required and there is no cost.

Driving Directions: Find your way to Sunset Cliffs Boulevard in Ocean Beach off of Sea World Drive or Ingraham Street and continue on it all the way through Ocean Beach - just go straight and keep on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. At the end, turn left on Ladera Street and go a block up the hill to the intersection with Cornish Drive. Turn right (south) into the parking lot and go down to the paved part of the lot and park. We will meet on the southern end of the parking lot and walk for about an hour.

Beryl Flom, Tours Chair, 312-218-6444,
edflom@sbcglobal.net

Membership

As we approach the end of the League year and dues renewal, potential members are waiting till July 1st to initiate a membership. We are sorry to hear that **Ramona Kiltz** is moving to Florida in May. She has been such a pillar in our League for oh so many years and served as President in 1993-94.

Jewell Hooper came to her last Unit meeting in April, collapsed and died three days later. At age 96, she was one of our oldest and most precious members - sharp, very aware and concerned of goings-on in the community, and a loyal Leaguer. Jewell also volunteered with AAUW, the War on Poverty, the Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Group, the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation and the Valencia Park Community Council, to name a few. Jewel took early retirement in 1970 (almost 50 years ago!) from her job as an accountant with the U.S. Navy. For 20

years, she taught drivers ed to seniors. Her biggest project was opposing the construction of a highway splitting up Barrio Logan. Jewell registered a lot of voters, helped integrate San Diego, and studied the ballot measures so she could educate anyone she encountered. In 2010, she was named one of the black pioneers by a proclamation from the City Council. In 2014, Jewell received the Human Dignity Award from the YMCA at their MLK Breakfast. She got all kinds of press and spoke about overcoming voter ignorance. The League of Women Voters will truly miss this very dedicated member working to improve the voting experience.



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

Consensus Questions - Campus Justice & Sexual Assault

1. Which of these are critical aspects that should be a part of every college and university policy regarding sexual assault on campus?

- a. Mandatory ongoing sexual assault education for all current students
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- b. Multiple reporting options, including, but not limited to, anonymous and confidential methods
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- c. Affirmative consent standard ("yes means yes")
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- d. Title IX compliance
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- e. Full-time, trained victim's advocate who is independent from the Title IX coordinator
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- f. Specialized investigator who is independent from the Title IX coordinator
 Agree Disagree No consensus



2. What should be the goals of college and university proceedings in San Diego regarding sexual assault on campus?

- a. Ensure that rights of all parties involved (complainant and accused) are protected
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- b. Make it easy for student complaints to be taken seriously
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- c. Timely resolution of University investigations
 Agree Disagree No consensus

3. Colleges and Universities should be required to make records of number and frequency of sexual assault reports easily accessible to the general public.

Agree Disagree No consensus

4. College and University officials should be required to report cases of sexual assault and rape to local police departments.

Agree Disagree No consensus

5. What is the appropriate discipline for colleges and universities that fail to respond and act in cases of sexual assault:

- a. Cited and placed on probation
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- b. Accreditation be suspended
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- c. Funds should be withheld
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- d. Receive a letter of reprimand from the Office of Civil Rights
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- e. Responsible administrator(s) should be disciplined and potentially removed
 Agree Disagree No consensus

6. Sexual Assault needs to be addressed with education before students reach college age.

Agree Disagree No consensus

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN DIEGO PROPOSED BUDGET FY 16-17
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

INCOME	FY 15-16		FY 16-17		EXPENSES	FY 15-16		FY 16-17	
	Proposed	Est. Act.	Proposed	Proposed		Proposed	Est Act	Proposed	Proposed
Dues	\$ 16,810	\$ 16,975	\$ 17,000		LWVUS PMP	\$ 8,192	\$ 8,192	\$ 8,752	
Ed Fund	4,000	5,000	4,000		LWVC PMP	6,552	6,553	7,658	
Donations	5,000	6,800	6,000		LWVLO PMP	683	681	684	
Mail Drive	4,000	1,335	2,000		Mail Drive	700	414	450	
Fundraisers	1,000	1,330	2,000		Fundraisers	200	625	400	
Gen. Mtgs/Tours	5,000	14,000	10,000		Gen. Mtgs/Tours	4,500	12,975	7,800	
Voters Service	300	300	500		Voter Service	600	1,575	1,800	
Governance ¹	300	200	300		Governance ¹	300	200	300	
Bank Income	70	50	50		Taxes/Permits	350	300	350	
Refunds/Reimburs.	150	10	10		Program Comm	750	150	300	
ILO Grant(s)		1300	800		Education Comm	300	100	300	
					Membership Comm	1,494	900	1,000	
					Public Policy Comm	300	100	300	
					Delegate Expenses	1,500	1,500	2,000	
					Advocacy	100	-	300	
					LWVC Convention ²	-	-	1,000	
					Voter Print/Post	1,700	2,000	2,000	
					Liability Insurance	925	863	900	
					Quickbooks	350	324	350	
					Bookkeeper	2,150	2,000	2,300	
					Rent	5,400	5,400	5,400	
					Office Expenses	800	860	850	
					Internet/Web	725	880	900	
					Telephone	600	672	650	
Total Income	\$ 36,630	\$ 47,300	\$ 42,680		Total Expenses	\$ 39,171	\$ 47,274	\$ 46,744	
Savings withdrawal	2,541	0	4,084						
Grand Total	\$ 39,171	\$ 47,300	\$ 46,744		Grand Total	\$ 39,171	\$ 47,274	\$ 46,744	

¹ Annual Meeting

² Contribution towards State league convention expenses

Assets as of 2/28/16 total \$105,619; Chase checking (\$23,304); Chase Savings (\$75,122); Paypal (\$1,168); Ed Fund \$6,025)

3/7/16

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SAN DIEGO ANNUAL MEETING 2016



PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mission Valley Library

Saturday, June 4, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- 10:00 Registration, coffee, tea and light snacks
- 10:15 Welcome and introduction of the speaker.....Jeanne Brown, President
- 10:20 Speaker and Q & A.....Stacey Fulhorst
Executive Director of San Diego’s Ethics Commission
- 10:50 Recognition of 50 year Member - Margaret Stevenson.....Beryl Flom, Membership Director
- 10:55 Recognition of Outstanding Community Leader - to be announced
- 11:05 Break
- 11:20 Call to Order, Credentials Report.....Jeanne Brown
 - 1) Appointment of Committee to Approve 2016 Minutes
 - 2) Adoption of Order of Business and Convention Rules
 - 3) Introduction of Parliamentarian.....Lottie Fox, MTA
 - 4) Pages, Timer, Secretary
 - 5) Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting.....Donna Bartlett-May, Secretary
 - 6) Treasurer’s Report.....Mary Hanson, Treasurer
- 11:45 Proposed Program 2016-2017.....Jeanne Brown, VP Program
 - 1) Motion to consider items recommended by the Board (does not require a second)
 - 2) Presentation, motion to adopt, discussion and vote (simple majority)
 - 3) Motion to consider study (presentation, motion to adopt, discussion and vote (simple majority)
 - 4) Local Position Updates.....Beryl Flom, Director
- 12:00 Proposed Budget 2016-2017,Kathleen MacLeod, Chair
Presentation, motion to adopt, discussion and vote
- 12:30 Officers and Directors 2016-2017.....Sue Rogers, Chair
 - 1) Nominating Committee Report
 - 2) Nominations from the floor
 - 3) Election of Officers and Directors
- 12:50 President’s Report to the Membership.....Jeanne Brown
Resolutions and Directives to the Board.....Members
Announcements and Acknowledgements
- 1:00 Adjourn

LWVSD Nominating Committee Report 2016

OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

(Terms ending 2018)

SECRETARY: Donna Bartlett-May

TREASURER: Mary Hanson

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR: Peg Engel

(Term ending 2017)

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Kay Ragan

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Term 2016-2017)

CHAIR: Rachel McDonald

Brianna Conser

Terri Prevost

CONTINUING OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

(Terms ending 2017)

PRESIDENT: Jeanne Brown

VP ACTION DIRECTOR: Lori Thiel

ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR : Amie Garapich

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Beryl Flom

EDUCATION DIRECTOR: Penny Adler

PUBLIC POLICY DIRECTOR: Myles Pomeroy

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR: Anne Hoiberg

VOTER EDITOR: Dolores Nelson

VOTER SERVICES DIRECTOR: Amanda Berg

SOCIAL POLICY DIRECTOR: Marjie Larson

LWVSD Program Recommendations 2016-2017

Recommended by the Board:

(simple majority vote)

Proposed study : the Rural Metro Contract: A new study of the City of San Diego Ambulance Service and Contract with Rural Metro Corp. of Scottsdale, AZ (recently bought out by American Medical Response/ AMR of Greenwood Village, CO), including the practice of sending a fire engine out with every ambulance call.

Updated Wording of Local Positions

Some small committees recommended several wording changes to the LWVSD positions. Some were deemed wordsmithing and some were deemed more substantive. Those that were wordsmithed are part of this report and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The more substantive ones will be studied and presented to the membership in the next year before a vote at the Annual meeting in 2017. In addition, the following updates will be presented next year at the Annual meeting:

- The Center City Development position needs

to conform to the city's switch to Civic San Diego handling center city development.

- Transportation and Parks might be integrated into similar positions at the LWVSD County.
- Parks and Land Use positions should include the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Issues for Education and Emphasis:

- 1) Review San Diego's pension program with a possible future update in the LWVSD position.
- 2) Fiscal management of the City of San Diego.
- 3) More education on border water issues.

Housing: Suggested modifications to the municipal codes to facilitate modular housing to increase supply of low-income housing. Talk to legislators and write letters.

Libraries: Change the funding priority from priority for materials and secondly for staff to equal funding for both. This would require a study.

Education: Advocate for more physical education programs in schools.

LWVSD Local Positions – June 2016

The following excerpts from the total document represent minor changes to Local Positions which are proposed for a vote of the members. Other updates will be done by committees and presented next year.

City Government

Citizen Participation: City government should facilitate accountability and citizen participation within its structures and procedures, which should be:

- **Efficient and Effective**
 - Providing the simplest structure to serve clearly defined purposes and functions, avoiding unnecessary duplication and taking advantage of cost-saving technologies.
 - Providing for ~~adequate~~ analysis of costs and benefits of offices and programs that takes into account social, economic, and political considerations and that utilizes community expertise.
 - Providing for regular review and termination of offices or programs if their purpose is not achieved or a function becomes obsolete.
 - Having a direct effect upon decision-making and providing necessary leadership orientation.
- **Equitable**
 - Providing services and opportunities for participation on an equitable basis to all areas of the city, with due consideration for differing neighborhood needs.
 - ~~Providing for citizen input which is representative of geographic areas and social composition. (Note: this is in the League principles.)~~

City Council: Council members should be nominated and elected by districts; they should have salaries and staff commensurate with full-time responsibilities as the city's legislative and policy-making body. In the event of a vacancy on the council, a special district election should be held if the vacancy is for a year or more. If the vacancy is for less than a year, it should be filled by appointment as provided in the city's charter (for charter cities). (1983) ~~There needs to be adequate~~ A balance of power is necessary between the legislative branch and the administrative branch of city government. Members of the city council should elect a council president to serve a term of one year. The council president should set the council agenda. Three or more council members should have authority to place an item for consideration on the docket. The city council should take responsibility for ensuring that legislation and policies that have been enacted are carried out. (2009)

Mayor: The mayor should have salary and staff commensurate with full-time responsibilities. (1995) The mayor should be involved in the planning of the budget from the beginning of the budget process. (2000) In the event of a vacancy in the office of mayor, a special election should be held if the vacancy is for a year or more. (1983) The mayor should respond to requests for information from the public or the city council in a timely manner. ~~It is very important that t~~ The mayor should also arrange to hear concerns from individual citizens and citizen groups on a regular and consistent basis in a public venue. (2009)

~~**Chief Operating Officer:** The qualifications required of the city's chief operating officer should be defined in the city charter. (2009)~~

Planning Department: LWVSD supports a separate planning department headed by a planning director reporting directly to the mayor or city council. Functions performed by this department should include: preparation of the general plan and community plans; preparation of project plans; management of land use and development; coordination and review of plans and projects with other departments and jurisdictions; active participation in the preparation of the capital budget; research in cooperation with other agencies; public service and education; environmental review.

LWVSD supports including, as part of a general plan, an implementation program which includes a capital improvements program and commitment to facilities financing.

LWVSD supports including, as part of ~~maintenance of~~ a general plan, **preparation of an annual progress report on achievement of general plan goals, objectives and policies and where appropriate amendments as needed. updating a city's general plan every five (5) years. Updating Maintaining** the plan should be an ongoing process using available technology with extensive public participation. Sufficient funding and personnel should be dedicated to the process to ~~enable meeting the five-year goal.~~ (1996) **keep it current.** (1996)

Civil Service System of Employment

Structure: The system should include job classification and a balance of power and responsibility shared by a civil service commission, the mayor and council, and the city attorney.

Recruiting and Selection: In order to employ qualified, competent people who represent a broad spectrum of the community and are committed to public service, a city should:

- base selection on job-related skills;
- advertise job opportunities through all forms of the news media and provide wide knowledge of and access to job bulletins;
- expand the minimum job application time period;
- conduct on-going evaluations of minimum requirement with emphasis on individual background;
- credit **related** volunteer and part-time experience as job qualifications;
- inform applicants of their rights in the employment process;
- **counsel ensure** applicants so those individuals understand the job description and how their qualifications apply to city jobs;
- conduct job-related oral interviews utilizing uniform questions and selecting citizen interviewers from all segments of the community;
- develop training and apprentice programs; and
- limit the use of veterans' points.

Equal Opportunity: ~~A~~ **The** city has the obligation to ~~follow legal hiring be the leader in using affirmative action procedures in all employment processes~~ (recruiting, testing, selection, hiring, and promotion) to include more women and minorities in the work force, and it should utilize statistics to assure attainment of its affirmative action goals. **Affirmative action goals should be determined by comparing the number of men, women, and minorities actually employed by a city in all job classifications at all levels with the number available and qualified in the local work force.** (1974, 1975)

Fiscal Management

Budget Process: The council should set guidelines and priorities before budget development begins. Funds from other governmental levels should be sought when those funds are compatible with long-range planning and local criteria. Bonding is a suitable method for financing capital improvements. (1976) ~~Efforts to restore flexibility and local control to a city budget process should be encouraged.~~ Local control and flexibility are essential in the budgeting process. (1991)

Budget Development: At the beginning of the annual budget cycle, the mayor and council should set priorities and guidelines for the ~~chief operating officer~~ mayor to use in preparing the budget. (1976) The mayor should be involved in the planning development of the budget from the beginning of the budget process. There should be an independent budget analyst available to the mayor and the council members. (2000) Public hearings should be held at this early stage. (1991)

~~Service Codes~~ User Fees: It is more desirable to rely on general fund financing rather than establish special funds for those services which benefit the entire community or promote general health, welfare and safety. User charges are acceptable when the cost of service can be measured, the benefit of service is directly derived by individual or property, administrative costs are relatively low; and there is provision for persons unable to pay fees or charges levied on essential community-wide services (such as trash collection).

SOCIAL POLICIES

Education

Desegregation: School boards should give high priority to the impact on desegregation efforts when deciding on sites for new school facilities or for the school closures. It should adopt attendance policies ~~which~~ that act to reduce minority/majority group isolation. (1979)

Early Childhood Education

Elementary and unified school districts should have:

- pre-K teachers and administrators should collaborate with district and site staff ~~in order~~ to achieve a seamless continuum of curriculum and instruction;
- the collaboration should include a decision-making process regarding staff development activities, the distribution of funds allocated to school sites, and other relevant issues and programs;
- school readiness programs should provide universal access to preschools, be developmentally appropriate, voluntary and staffed with highly qualified personnel; and
- outreach to and support for parents of young children should be instituted to enable them to contribute to their child's readiness to learn. (2011)

Housing

The League of Women Voters of San Diego supports:

- the development of economically and racially balanced communities in all parts of a city as well as in newly developing areas;
- inclusionary zoning as a tool to implement a balanced community policy;
- the use of city-owned land to facilitate the development of low and moderate in-come housing which includes the following guidelines:

- long-term leases to developers with discounts to encourage and enable maximum development of low and moderate-income units.
- a minimum of 30% of the units in every development to be made available for low and moderate income housing at rentals set at HUD Section 8 existing fair market rates.
- below-market financing should be obtained wherever feasible;
- a more active role by cities in the application for and utilization of available state and federal subsidy programs and innovative financing in order to increase the supply of low and moderate income housing;
- restrictive codes or ordinances that would slow down the conversion of apartments to condominiums;
- public housing as a high priority to assist low income family, elderly, and handicapped households;
- modifications in the municipal codes and zoning regulations that would facilitate the development of (1983, 1993) manufactured or modular housing ~~in order~~ to increase the supply of low and moderate income housing; and
- development of manufactured or modular housing in city-owned land to accommodate low and moderate income households. (1978)

Needs of the Seriously Mentally Ill

LWVSD supports city government responsibility for:

- streamlining access to and coordination of services such as income; housing, medical, social and employment services and giving recognition to the special needs of seriously mentally ill people for affordable housing;
- providing for shelters which meet the special needs of seriously mentally ill people who are homeless;
- involvement in buying or leasing the different types of housing needed by seriously mentally ill people; making use of a housing trust fund for such housing; stimulating the private sector to provide housing opportunities for seriously mentally ill people by removing zoning barriers and speeding up permit acquisitions;
- appropriate education, training, special support and referral services to enable police to respond effectively to disturbances involving seriously mentally ill people. This should be a consolidated county-wide effort;
- an action-oriented blue ribbon task force to ~~attack~~ address the problems of seriously mentally ill people including that of seriously mentally ill people who are homeless; and
- better coordination of mental health services by the city and county governments and the private sector. (1994)



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