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October 2016

Marching Toward the November 8 Ballot!
Here are ways to learn about the issues:


<p>Sips & Civility Pros & Cons of Selected Ballot Measures Wed, Oct 12, 6-8 pm 9th floor</p>	 <p>San Diego Central Library 330 Park Blvd</p>	<p>Meet the Candidates Thurs, Oct 13, 6-8 pm main floor Candidate speeches and reception</p>
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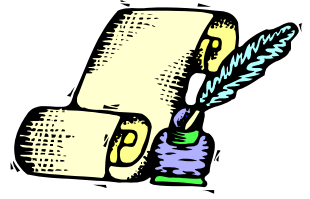
	<p>State Ballot Propositions Saturday, Oct 8, 10 am-noon</p>	<p>City & County Ballot Measures Saturday, Oct 15, 10 am-noon</p>
<p>Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway</p>		

<p>Lunch with the League Chargers Stadium Ballot Initiative Thursday, October 20 see pages 8 & 9</p>	
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	<p>Voter's Edge from MapLight and LWV Education Fund</p>
<p>Get the in-depth facts before you vote! Enter your address. A sample ballot will be compiled for you http://votersedge.org/ca or https://cavotes.org/</p>	

<p>Look inside this Voter for basic information about state, county, and city ballot initiatives and voting recommendations.</p>	
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President's Message



I hope that you were all lucky enough to watch the segment of PBS's series: "The Contenders." Shirley Chisholm was highlighted, along with John McCain, in one of the recent episodes titled "The Straight Talkers." It is good for us to remember those who spoke straight and opened our eyes to the possibilities. She was a true visionary who could see what most of us couldn't: a world where we judge our leaders by their competency and honor, ignoring who else supports her/him. Congresswoman Chisholm's slogan was "Unbought and Unbossed" which really summed up the problems with the issue of Money in Politics; with the money comes expectations for cooperation. She was a woman way ahead of her time. And she mentioned often that she had more impediments put in her way due to her gender than to her race.

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We now have had a black president and may eventually have a woman president but to be so bold as to ask people to vote for a black woman president in 1972 was out of reach for most of our imaginations. She was inspiring and refreshingly honest. She offered inspiration to go the extra mile, to attempt the impossible, to achieve what we all hope for for our children and grandchildren in a just and balanced society.

When I look at our League positions, it makes me believe that the LWV is one of the vehicles to help us follow in her footsteps. We came from people who believed that women could make their own decisions and had potential that was not being used. Let us live up to women like Shirley Chisholm, Carrie Chapman Catt, Eleanor Roosevelt and others who worked to create the world we live in today. Let's make sure that our daughters (and sons) realize the work that these pioneers began and let's make sure that we never take any steps back.

On a practical note, we have three luncheons in the pipeline for September, October and November. The September luncheon was on Prop A on the November ballot. October will be on Prop C, the Charger stadium question, and the November luncheon will be a reflection on what happened in the November election. Michael Vu, the ROV, will give us the data and Carl Luna, political science professor at Mesa College, will look at the political side of it. It should be fun and interesting. I hope you won't miss any of these.

Note: Starting in October, we will need to increase the cost of our luncheons from \$30 to \$35 due to the increase in labor costs and a change in the menu. You will see that our luncheons will include a soup and hot meal rather than cold sandwiches. I think you will find that it is still well worth the cost,

Yours in League,

Jeanne

LWVSD Unit Meetings ~ October

Mon, Oct 17 10 am-noon	College/Rolando	College Rolando Library, Seminar Room B 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115 <i>Local Ballot Propositions</i>	Ann McDonald....619-464-1937 Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296
Wed, Oct 26 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	Casa de Mañana, 849 Coast Blvd, La Jolla, <i>Pros & Cons of Ballot Propositions</i>	Alice McCauley, 858-642-1856

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ October

Mon	Oct 3	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office*
Tues	Oct 4	5:30 pm	LWVSD Board, Board Room*
Sat	Oct 8	12 noon	Voter Service Committee, after Pros & Cons meeting, 4478 Hortensia St, SD
Mon	Oct 10	10 am	Ambulance Study Committee, League Office
Fri	Oct 14	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, Board Room*
Fri	Oct 14	12 noon	Natural Resources Committee. League Office*
Sat	Oct 15	12 noon	Voter Service Committee, after Pros & Cons meeting, Mission Valley IHOP
Wed	Oct 19	9:30 am	Education Committee, San Diego County Office of Education, rm 307
Fri	Oct 21	10 am	Program Committee, League Office*
Thu	Oct 28	9:30 am	Voter Assembly, League Office*

LWVSD Activities ~ October ~ Mark your Calendars! See front page.

M-T	Oct 3-4		Rosh Hashanah, sundown to sundown
Sat	Oct 8	10 am-noon	Pros and Cons of State Ballot Measures, Mission Valley Library
Wed	Oct 12	6-8 pm	"Sips and Civility," Downtown Library, Pros and Cons
W-T	Oct 12-13		Yom Kippur, sundown to sundown
Thu	Oct 13	6-8 pm	Meet the Candidates, Downtown Library
Sat	Oct 15	10 am-noon	Pros and Cons of Local and County Ballot Measures, Mission Valley Library
Thu	Oct 20	11:30 am-1:30	Lunch with the League, Tom Ham's, Stadium Initiative, pp 8-9
Thu	Nov 17	11:30 am-1:30	Lunch with the League, Tom Ham's, Elections in Review

* The League office is 7710 Balboa Avenue, just east of the Balboa Ave/I-805 intersection. Meetings are held either in the League office in room 224A or in the board room on the third floor.

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

Ambulance Study Committee



At the Annual Meeting last June, the membership voted in a new local study regarding the ambulance contract in San Diego. For the last many years the city has been operating with a non-bid contract with Rural Metro. Another question is why a fire engine armed with four people accompanies every ambulance. We will delve into these issues and look at what other cities do over the next year. Meetings will be held the second Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. starting October 10 in the LWVSD office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A. The agenda will include background information and drafting a scope and plan for the study. Please join us as we look into this service for city residents, paid for by the patients and their insurance companies.

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



Vote with the League on November 8!

For full analysis of these **State Propositions**, go to <https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations>



PROP 51 YES	School Bonds: K-12 and Community College. All California’s schoolchildren deserve school facilities in good repair and equipped to provide all students a 21st century education. In a perfect world with adequate funding, we wouldn’t need to borrow to build. However, this is not a perfect world, and our facilities needs are massive and require a large infusion of funding. It has been eight years since the last statewide bond measure was passed. Chronic underfunding from the state leaves most public school communities unable to adequately address their needs, increasing the danger of greater disparities among them. Many have passed local bonds but due to insufficient state matching funds, that money remains unspent—a situation this bond measure will help remedy
PROP 54 YES	PROP 54 California Legislature Transparency Act. Prop 54 will make our state government more open, honest, and accountable. With this common-sense reform, every bill must be in print and posted online for at least 72 hours before it may pass out of either house—preventing lastminute, closed-door changes. A video recording of every public meeting of the Legislature must be posted online in a timely way. Our democracy is stronger when more people participate, and this measure empowers all people to review, debate, and contribute to the laws that impact us all.
PROP 55 YES	Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act Proposition 55 is key in maintaining economic recovery and growth in California by continuing the current income tax rates on the wealthiest two percent of Californians, established by the voters in 2012. That measure, Prop 30, has moved California toward financial stability and adequate funding for education and other services we depend on like health care. Without Prop 55 we will be back to the days of pink slips for teachers, overcrowded classrooms, and community college students waiting years for the classes they need.
PROP 57 YES	Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act. This measure restores the authority of judges, not prosecutors, to decide if juveniles as young as 14 should be tried in adult court, a right judges had until 2000. The prosecution may file a motion, but the court decides. Proposition 57 will also reduce the state prison population and costs by allowing earlier parole of nonviolent felons, with sentence credits for good behavior and rehabilitation or education. This measure could save tens of millions of dollars.
PROP 58 YES	English Proficiency. Multilingual Education Proposition 58 repeals the most restrictive parts of Proposition 227, a 1998 initiative that limited the methods California schools can use to teach English to students who are not native English speakers. This measure addresses the inequity of Prop 227 and frees parents and their schools to provide the best educational opportunities for all California children regardless of their first language. The League opposed Prop 227 nearly 20 years ago and urges your support for this change.
PROP 59 NO	Constitutional Amendment Advisory Measure. Eliminating the corrupting influence of money in our democracy is a vital concern. Unfortunately, this vague, poorly drafted ballot measure is not the solution. A constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United may have appeal as a quick fix, but in reality it is a slow, laborious, costly, and potentially unsuccessful strategy. A poorly written amendment could have significant unintended consequences—not the least of which is squelching actual political speech. Voters deserve a fair election system today, not years or decades from now. Instead of looking to an imagined silver bullet, we need to take broad action now, including fixing our Federal Elections Commission, expanding disclosure laws, overturning California’s ban on public financing of elections, and asking a new Supreme Court to revisit the ruling.


PROP 62 YES	Justice That Works: Death Penalty Abolition. Proposition 62 will abolish the death penalty, replacing it with life without possibility of parole. It will ensure time in prison is spent in work, with an increased portion of wages going to restitution to victims' families. Families deserve restitution, not endless legal appeals, and closure through knowing these worst criminals will never be released. California has spent more than \$5 billion to execute 13 people since 1978. Nothing indicates this has been effective in reducing crime, while the risk of executing the innocent remains.
PROP 66 NO	Shortening Death Penalty Appeals. This poorly written measure would greatly increase California's risk of executing an innocent person by shortening the time for appeals and limiting the prisoner's ability to present new evidence of their innocence. Raising significant constitutional issues, this could cause more delays, increase taxpayers' costs, and add layers of bureaucracy. It is estimated the state would need as many as 400 new taxpayer-funded attorneys to meet the demand. The wise choice is NO on 66 and YES on 62 to save costs, provide restitution, and prevent executing innocent people.
PROP 63 YES	Safety for All Act. The facts are sobering. From 2002 to 2013, 38,576 Californians died from gun violence, including 2,258 children. In the U.S., more than 300 Americans are shot each day, more than 80 of them fatally. Prop 63 helps counter those statistics by strengthening background check systems and ensuring that California law enforcement shares data about dangerous people with the FBI. It ensures that dangerous criminals and domestic abusers sell or transfer their firearms after they're convicted. This measure requires businesses that sell ammunition to report lost or stolen ammunition, requires people to notify law enforcement if their guns are lost or stolen, and ensures that people convicted of gun theft are ineligible to own guns.
PROP 65 NO	Sowing Confusion about the Plastic Bag Ban. Don't be confused by this deceptive measure—vote NO. Large players in the plastic bag industry spent millions to put this disingenuous initiative on the ballot, creating a distraction that could thwart California's efforts to rein in plastic bag waste and litter. The plastic bag industry wants to use this measure to damage the hard-won agreement between environmentalists and grocers that made the plastic bag ban possible. This is not about helping fund environmental programs but is simply intended to cause enough voter confusion that the more significant environmental measure, Proposition 67, fails. Don't be confused; Vote NO on 65 and Vote YES on 67.
PROP 67 YES	Protect California's Plastic Bag Ban. The League urges a YES vote on Proposition 67 to retain California's plastic bag ban. The question on a referendum is not intuitive; you are being asked if you want to retain the new law. Vote YES to keep the 2014 statewide law prohibiting single-use carryout bags. These plastic film bags pollute our oceans, pose a deadly threat to marine wildlife, clutter our landscapes, create toxic byproducts when manufactured, and are very difficult to recycle. California grocers and other retailers support the ban, and many cities and counties have local measures that are working. Don't let out-of-state plastic bag industry players stop our progress!
PROP 56	Cigarette Tax <u>NEUTRAL</u>. Proposition 56 establishes an increased tax on cigarettes, with the money collected from this tax earmarked for health care and tobacco use prevention. The League does not generally support earmarks but is neutral on this measure because of the benefits from reducing smoking and the increased funding for health care.
	<p style="text-align: center;">NO RECOMMENDATION ON THE OTHER MEASURES ON THIS BALLOT</p> <p>Because League positions do not cover the issues in the following measures, the LWVC is taking no stand on Prop 52 (State Fees on Hospitals. Federal Medi-Cal Matching Funds), Prop 53 (Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval), Prop 60 (Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements), Prop 61 (State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards), and Prop 64 (Marijuana Legalization).</p>

City and County Ballot Measures

LWVSD Board Members voted on these ballot measures at the September Board Meeting.

“NP” indicates no position. “NT” indicates conflicting positions.

See website for additional information. www.lwvsandiego.org

 County of San Diego	A	["Keep San Diego Moving Forward"] Shall an ordinance be adopted to: repair roads, deteriorating bridges; relieve congestion; provide every community funds for pothole/street repairs; expand public transit, including improved services for seniors, disabled, students, veterans; reduce polluted runoff; preserve open space to protect water quality/reduce wildfires by enacting, with independent oversight/audits, a 40-year, half-cent local sales tax (\$308 million annually) that Sacramento cannot take away?
	NP	
City of San Diego	B	Shall this Initiative be adopted for the purpose of amending the County General Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Code of Regulatory Ordinances and approving the Lilac Hills Ranch Specific Plan ("Plan")? The Plan provides for the development of a 608-acre master-planned community including 1,746 dwelling units, three commercial centers, a public park, 10 private parks and 16 miles of trails. The project site is generally located north of Escondido and east of I-15 in the unincorporated area of North San Diego County.
	No	
	C	Should the measure be adopted to: increase San Diego's hotel occupancy tax by 6% to build a City-owned downtown professional football stadium and convention center project , and fund tourism marketing; effect the project financing, design, construction, use, management, and maintenance, including a \$650,000,000 contribution and 30-year commitment by a professional football entity; end Tourism Marketing District assessments; adopt a development ordinance, and related land use, sign, and zoning laws?
	NP	
	D	Should the measure be adopted to: among other provisions, increase San Diego's hotel occupancy tax up to 5%; end Tourism Marketing District; allow hoteliers to create assessment districts and use hotel occupancy taxes for a downtown convention center and not a stadium; prohibit onsite expansion of existing convention center; create downtown overlay zone for convention and sports facilities; create environmental processes; and allow Qualcomm stadium property's sale for educational and park uses?
	Yes	
	E	Shall the Charter be amended to include a new article adding: incapacity, felony conviction, and removal as grounds for vacancies in office; a procedure for calling a special election to remove an officer for cause; a revised procedure for filling vacancies; to require the City Attorney be a licensed attorney; and to define authority during vacancies and enforcement of office forfeiture?
Yes		
F	Shall the City Charter be amended to change the term of service required of Deputy City Attorneys, for protection from termination or suspension without good cause, from two years or more of continuous service to one year or more of continuous service, which protection would continue not to apply to layoffs due to lack of work or insufficient appropriations?	
Yes		
G	Shall section 43(d) of the City Charter be amended to rename the Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices as the Community Review Board on Police Practices , to replace references to "City Manager" with "Mayor and City Council," and to require the board to review all deaths occurring while someone is in the custody of the San Diego Police Department and all police officer-related shootings?	
NP		
H	Shall the City Charter be amended to: require contracts for public works, goods, services, and consultants to be awarded through a competitive process in accordance with rules adopted by ordinance, remove the position of Purchasing Agent, eliminate the requirement to publish certain notices in printed newspapers, and update other provisions consistent with state law?	
Yes		



City of San Diego

I NT	Shall City Charter section 55 be amended to authorize the City Council to lease the dedicated park property in Balboa Park currently occupied by San Diego High School , to the San Diego Unified School District for educational, cultural, recreational, and civic programs and activities, provided that the property is used for a public high school?
J Yes	Shall Charter section 55.2 be amended to: increase, from 25% to 35%, the allocation of annual Mission Bay Park lease revenues exceeding \$20 million, for capital improvements in San Diego Regional Parks; allow Council to add City-owned parkland to Mission Bay Park's boundaries; combine and coordinate construction of Mission Bay Park improvements identified in this section; and extend operation of this section until 2069?
K NP	Shall the Charter be amended to eliminate the provision that elects a candidate for Mayor, City Attorney, or Councilmember to office if the candidate receives a majority vote in the June primary election, and instead require a run-off election at the November general election between the two candidates who received the most votes in the primary election?
L NP	Shall the Charter be amended to require qualified citizens' initiative and referendum measures to be submitted to voters on the next November general election ballot and not at a June primary election, unless the Council chooses to submit the measure to voters prior to that election?
M Yes	Shall the voters increase by 38,680 the maximum number of housing units the City and certain other public agencies are allowed to help develop, construct, or acquire for people with low incomes , without this ballot measure approving specific housing units, providing funds for development, removing requirements that otherwise apply, or taking any other action?
N NP	If California voters approve Proposition 64 legalizing marijuana in the state, shall the City adopt an ordinance imposing a gross receipts tax, for general revenue purposes, on non-medical cannabis (also known as marijuana) businesses operating in the City, initially set at 5% and increasing to 8% on July 1, 2019, having a maximum rate of 15%, generating an undetermined amount of revenue and continuing indefinitely?

LWVSD Profit and Loss July 2015 -- July 2016

	Income	Expenses
Membership	17,500	*16,833
Development/Donations	10,260	222
Program/Tours	10,908	8,947
Voters Service	353	345
Newsletter		2,459
Administration	5,099	13,067
TOTAL	\$44,120	\$41,873

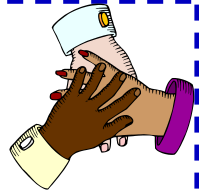
Cash Balances as of June 30, 2016

Chase Checking	15,614
Chase Savings	75,137
Pay Pal	2,284
Ed Fund	1,125
TOTAL	\$94,160

*Includes PMP's to LWVUS of \$8,777 to LWVC of \$6,974 and to the ILO of \$691.

Mary Hanson, Treasurer

Membership



Have you heard of the changes made to the bylaws for the League all over the country regarding who can be a member? People who are 16 years and older can now join as well as non-citizens. Look around you - do you have a teenager in your family who is interested in government or politics or who will be voting soon? - Do you have a neighbor who is not a U.S. citizen who wants to learn about the elections and what's going on in education, healthcare, prisons, libraries, land use, environment, immigration, transportation, etc.? And don't forget to bring the usual suspects to League events - family and friends who vote and want to learn more. LWVSD has so many programs scheduled for voters this month - don't miss out! Membership for a member in your family is only \$35/year.

We welcome some new members who have joined in the last month:

Patricia Beatty, 92119

Karen Boyle, 92117

Caroline Sih, 92129

Caroline is our first 16 year old and joins her older sister and mom as members.

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

October 20 Luncheon Program Takes Different Format

The October 20 luncheon program will follow a different format featuring one speaker, Fred Maas, Special Advisor to Chargers' Chairman Dean Spanos. Maas worked closely with Spanos' Special Counsel Mark Fabiani and an established team of legal, financial and land-use advisors to develop the Downtown Stadium Initiative, the first step toward the creation of a proposed joint-use stadium-convention center facility in downtown San Diego.

This will be an opportunity for League members and guests to ask questions regarding Measure C -- Downtown Stadium Initiative. Since we do not have an opposing speaker, it will be important to ask the probing questions you have about the measure.

Supporters say:

- Approval would assure that the San Diego Chargers would remain in San Diego for at least the next 30 years.
- Approval would provide needed additional convention center space without contributing to further walling off of the San Diego Bay.
- City taxpayers would not be paying for the public contribution unless they were to stay in a hotel room.
- The San Diego Chargers would assume responsibility for any cost overruns related to stadium construc-

tion.

- The City's independent budget analyst (IBA) says that a 6% TOT increase would initially generate \$120 million annually and would fund construction and operations/maintenance of a stadium/convention center in the East Village.

Opponents say:

- Numerous studies have shown that publicly subsidized stadiums do not produce enough tax revenue to make up for the subsidy.
- A stadium at the proposed location could impede the ability to redevelop the East Village into a high tech innovation-oriented employment place.
- Hotel owners and Comic-Con prefer a contiguous convention center expansion along the Bayfront.
- The IBA also says that "project expenses may be understated. Land costs could increase with needs such as retaining 1,300 parking spaces near Petco Park as required by the City's contract (e.g. road improvements). MTS bus yard relocation, environmental remediation and trolley enhancements are not identified."

You will not want to miss the opportunity to learn about what is being proposed and to have your questions answered. Sign up today for the luncheon at Tom Ham's on October 20 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

LWV Lunch with the League



Chargers Stadium Ballot Initiative

Thursday, October 20, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Drive

*Get the full scoop on the
Downtown Stadium Initiative!*



*\$35 by Monday, October 17
or \$40 at the door*



**Speaker: Fred Maas, Special Advisor
to Chargers' Chairman Dean Spanos**

*Mr. Mass is the only speaker. Come prepared with
probing questions on this important ballot measure.
See the previous page for details.*



Lunch with the League: Stadium Initiative, October 20, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

Guest(s) _____

Amount enclosed (\$35 per person) _____ by Oct 17. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to
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