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Unit Meetings: Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures!

The May 19 ballot will have six state-wide propositions for us to vote upon. These propositions are complicated, have to do with money, and are largely unknown by the electorate. LWV members, however, have a chance to learn about them at their Unit Meetings held during the week starting on Saturday, May 9.

The LWV of California is opposing four of the propositions, and is neutral on two. The San Diego Union Tribune is against all of them.

Come to your Unit Meeting to hear about these props, and to discuss them with your League friends.

---Margaret Stevenson, Speakers Bureau Chair

LWVSD Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 30, 10:00 am - 1 pm
Serra Mesa/ Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive

How is San Diego Law Enforcement Addressing Violence against Women?

The Annual Meeting speakers will discuss the work that they and San Diego law enforcement are doing to stop violence against women. **Detective Sergeant Judith Woods**, a 28-year veteran of the SDPD, began as a patrol officer and has supervised the Homicide, Sex Crimes, Robbery, and Child Abuse Divisions. She currently is assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit/Family Justice Center where she oversees the services provided to clients following a domestic violence incident. **Investigative Sergeant Lynda Oberlies**, a 20-year veteran in law enforcement, has worked as a Narcotics Detective, Domestic Violence Detective, and Gang Suppression Officer. She currently supervises Vice Detectives who handle pimping, human trafficking street prostitution, Internet prostitution, and massage industries.

All members are encouraged to pose questions to these dedicated women who bring almost 50 years of experience in law enforcement.

---Anne Hoiberg, Co-President

**See the Annual Meeting package inside
for details of this traditional Spring event!**

League of Women Voters of San Diego

presents a timely, exciting fund-raiser

A Staged Reading by WRITE OUT LOUD, featuring
Veronica Murphy as **Mary Todd Lincoln**
Linda Libby as **Myra Bradwell**
in

Mary and Myra

... the story of the relationship between Mary Todd Lincoln and Myra Bradwell, the first woman attorney in the U.S. In 1875, Mrs. Lincoln's progressive friend, Myra, tries to free Mary from an insane asylum by exposing injustices imposed by her son and the courts.

Written by Catherine Filloux, one of America's leading women playwrights and a graduate of La Jolla High School. In addition to directing this production, Kim Strassburger discusses the case, *Bradwell vs. State of Illinois*, in her UCSD class on Social Justice. She and the actors will participate in a "Talk Back" after the performance.

The event is funded in part by the National League of American Pen Women, and a member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, commemorating the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

Look for the flyer inside!

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Save the Date!

June Luncheon

Tuesday, June 30

“Is San Diego a Green City?”

The City of San Diego's Environmental
Department will provide an overview of the
City's Programs and Policies.

Ms. Carolyn Chase, Political Chair of the
Sierra Club and founder of San Diego Earth-
Works, will analyze the City's claims.

Co-President's Message

The word has come down from the national League of Women Voters that it's time for local Leagues like ours to embrace the Internet as a tool for expanding our communication with the public, civic leaders, and the media.

Happy to report, we've taken on the challenge with a constructive new Web project. I encourage you to go to our website (www.lwvsandiego.org) and click on the link called *Good Government Checklist*. That's where you'll find a series of commentaries on civic affairs, unique because they enlist LWV positions as the viewing lens.

Here's a preview of the introductory installment, entitled "Does the City of San Diego measure up?"

With the aim of improving our systems of government and impacting public policies through citizen education and advocacy, the League of Women Voters of San Diego will be providing League members and the greater San Diego community with a running commentary called the Good Government Checklist. It will deal with public policy decisions and official actions that are shaping San Diego's future.

The objective of these commentaries is twofold: a) to advance the League's position on local government, namely that it should be efficient and effective, equitable, accessible, and forward looking; and b) to prepare for the upcoming public debate and ballot measure on whether to retain, modify, or repeal our five-year experiment with a strong mayor form of government, due to expire at the end of next year.

The LWV is well suited for this task, given our non-partisan commitment to providing voter information as well as positive civic change across three broad categories:

- * *Open, accountable, representative, and responsive government*
- * *Environmental protection and natural resource management in the public interest*
- * *Social and economic justice, health and safety, and equal rights and opportunity for all*

The guiding question for our Good Government Checklist will be: How well does the City of San Diego measure up to the principles and positions of the LWV?

WE INVITE YOU TO STAY TUNED!

---Norma Damashek, Co-President

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization dedicated to informed and active public participation in government policy and decision-making. The League engages in education and advocacy on behalf of the public interest and welcomes full participation in its activities by all members of the public.

LWVSD Calendar — May and June

5/2	Sat.	10:00 am	Councilman Carl de Maio, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr. 92131
5/5	Tues.	6:00 pm	Board Meeting, LWVSD Office
5/7	Thurs.	9:30 am	Unit Council, LWVSD Office
5/8	Fri.	10:30 am	County League Board Meeting, LWVSD Office
5/9	Sat.	12:00 noon	Councilman Marti Emerald, Allied Gardens Library, 5188 Zion Avenue, 92120
5/10	Sun.		<i>Mother's Day</i>
5/12	Tues..	7:00 pm	Mary and Myra play , Theatre in Old Town, 4040 Twiggs, 92110
5/11-18			UNITS - Pro and Cons of Ballot Measures
5/15-17			LWVC Convention, Long Beach
5/18	Mon.	10:00 am	Membership Committee, LWVSD Office
5/19	Tue.		Special Election -- Six California Propositions
5/20	Wed.	11:00 am	Education Committee, LWVSD Office
5/22	Fri.	9:30 am	Public Policy Meeting, LWVSD Office
5/22	Fri.	noon	Program Committee, LWVSD Office
5/25	Mon.		<i>Memorial Day</i>
5/30	Sat.		ANNUAL MEETING
June			
6/8	Mon.	10:00 am	Councilman Todd Gloria, City Hall, 3rd fl. Conference Rm. 202 C St., 92101
6/13	Sat.	10:00 am	LWVUS Council, Virtual Meeting
6/15	Mon.	10:00 am	Membership Committee, LWVSD Office
6/20	Fri.		ILO Council Meeting

May Unit Meetings: Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures

Saturday, May 9 10:00 - 12:00 PM	Southeast Unit	Malcolm X Library 5138 Market Street, 92105	Vergie Wright, (619) 264-6735 Gwen Pamplin, (619) 263-1778
Monday, May 11 9:30 - 11:30 AM	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	San Diego National Bank Community Rm. 2nd Fl. 16789 Bernardo Ctr. Drive, 92128	Bev Wilson, (858) 592-9664 Irene Dunny, (858) 613-0335
Monday, May 11 2:00 - 4:00 PM	Coronado Unit	Coronado Public Library, 92118 640 Orange Avenue (Comm. Rm)	Nancy Cuddy, (619) 437-4597
Monday, May 11 5:30 - 7:30 PM	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Parkway, 92108	Debra Blum, (619) 225-0353 Karen Beeson, (619) 475-8236
Tuesday, May 12 9:30 - 11:30 AM	La Jolla	La Jolla Library 7555 Draper Avenue, 92037	Sherry Bloom, 858-459-7598 619-200-0300 (cell)
Tuesday, May 12 9:30 - 11:30 AM	North Shores/ Point Loma	Pacific Beach Library 4275 Cass Street, 92109	Shirley Walkoe, (619) 223-6314 Nancy Witt, (619) 222-7230
Tuesday, May 12 1:00 - 3:00 PM	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive, 92122	Catherine Stoll, (858) 755-4119 Margaret Stevenson, (619) 299-0036
Wednesday, May 13 1:00 - 3:00 PM	Tierrasanta	Monterey Villa Clubhouse, 92124 5275 Rimpark Dr./Apple Tree Lane	Carole Porter, (858) 279-5474
Thursday, May 14 9:30 - 11:30 AM	East San Diego	College-Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, 92115	Barbara Evje, (619) 462-4772

Come Meet the New City Council Members

**Your League will continue its meetings with the new City Council members in May and June.
Come and get your questions answered.**

- * Saturday, May 2, 10 am, we will meet with Carl DeMaio, Scripps Ranch Library
- * Saturday, May 9, 12 noon, Marti Emerald, Benjamin Library, Allied Gardens
- * Monday, June 8, 10 am, Todd Gloria, City Hall, 3rd fl. Conference Rm. 202 C St. 92101

You are encouraged to attend and bring your friends!

(Pizza will be served on May 9 since it takes place at lunch time.)

LWV California Recommendations May 19 Special Election - State Issues

The League of Women Voters opposes four measures because they were written in haste without public input or analysis and they are NOT the solution to our long-term financial crisis, the continuing structural deficit in the state budget and the flawed budget process.

PROP IA - Restrictions on State Budget Process

OPPOSE

Prop IA is touted as the answer for stability in the state budget process. Actually, it would make it more difficult for future governors and legislatures to enact budgets that meet the needs and priorities of California. It would amend the state Constitution to restrict the use of funds put into the reserve and limit the use of "unanticipated" revenues. It could lock in a reduced level of public services despite changing demographics and actual growth in costs. Prop IA would also give future governors new power to make budget cuts without legislative oversight. The League would support real budget reform; this measure would make things worse. Most of its provisions would not go into effect for 2 years, let's spend that time working on real budget reform.

PROP IB - Education Funding. Payment Plan

NEUTRAL

Over 5-6 years beginning in 2011-12, Prop IB would require the state to make \$9.3 billion in supplemental payments to K-14 education to address uncertainty about the guarantee of Prop 98 school funding. The League supports full funding of public education and making up for the devastating cuts of recent years. Prop IB is not needed, however, and even if passed by the voters, it would take effect only if Prop IA is also passed. The legislature has the power to restore funding to education in a more straightforward way that is not tied to Prop IA.

PROP IC - Lottery-Based Borrowing

OPPOSE

IC would make changes in lottery operations intended to increase its profitability and allow the state to issue \$5 billion in bonds "securitized" by future lottery profits. The lottery would no longer be a source of revenue for education and the state General Fund would be required to make up for the loss to education of lottery funds. The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office says that in the long term, lottery profits probably would not cover the higher payments to education required by Prop IC. League positions on long-term financing support bonds for capital improvements (not borrowing) and prudent debt levels within the budget.

PROP ID - Diverting Children's Services Funding

OPPOSE

Over 5 years, ID would redirect to the state General Fund \$1.78 billion in tobacco tax funds reserved for First 5 early childhood programs by Proposition 10 (passed in 1998). ID is a short-term raid that pays for some services at the expense of others. We oppose this stopgap measure.

PROP IE - Diverting Mental Health Services Funding

OPPOSE

For 2 years, IE would redirect to the state General fund \$230 million per year from the Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63 of 2004) to replace state funding for an existing mental health program. See Prop ID.

PROP IF - Elected Officials' Salaries (No League positions covering the issues)

NO POSITION

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Presents



Mary and Myra

by Catherine Filloux

(a leading U.S. woman playwright and graduate of La Jolla High School)

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

7:00 PM

Old Town Theatre

4040 Twiggs Street

San Diego, 92110



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Directed by Kim Strassburger

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Please consider sponsoring this exciting event!

Event underwriter - \$500 Carrie Chapman Catt - \$200 Susan B. Anthony - \$100
Alice Paul - \$50 Feminist - \$25

Sponsoring organizations and individuals receive complimentary tickets
and will be acknowledged in the program.

General admission ticket - \$15 Students - \$6

Please join us for a reception at 6:00 P.M.

Please mail check, made payable to LWVSD, to League of Women Voters of San Diego,
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