



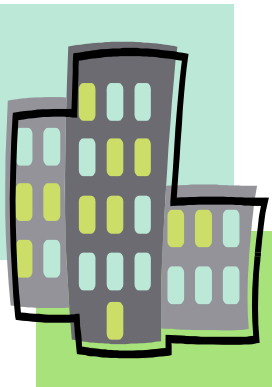
January Unit Meetings: Redevelopment 101

re-de-vel-op-ment *n* :

- the act or process of redeveloping;
- renovation of a blighted area;
- in California, following the procedures of the California Health & Safety Code,
- depending on one's point of view, enriching developers through government action, or saving neighborhoods for the residents

League member Mike Jenkins will lead the discussion at all the January Unit meetings on this complex topic. Taking a bird's-eye view of the California law, Jenkins will talk about how redevelopment works, the state and city tax implications, and whether it's good or bad public policy. Then, taking a San Diego view, Jenkins will talk about how redevelopment is managed locally, and will describe the city's successes, failures and warts with redevelopment. (League member Shirley Larson is organizing a bus tour of redevelopment areas for February 22.)

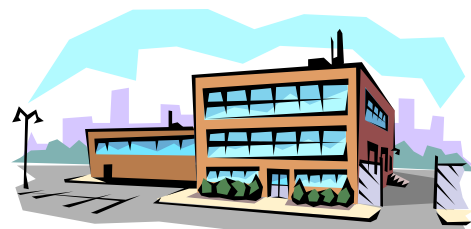
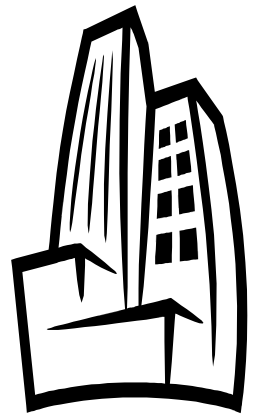
Redevelopment is controversial. There was a city vote on building a ballpark in the downtown redevelopment area. The County of San Diego sued the city after the Grantville redevelopment project area was adopted. Popular columnist Neil Morgan excoriated city officials for the sweetheart deal with Corky McMillan Companies at the Naval Training Center. Nationally, there was outrage when the Supreme Court allowed New London, CT to use eminent domain to force a widow to sell her old but well-maintained home so the city could build a campus for a pharmaceutical corporation. At the same



time, redevelopment has been embraced by neighborhoods as diverse as City Heights, San Ysidro, and Linda Vista for greatly improving their quality of life. In the Bronze Triangle, residents are petitioning the city to designate their low-income neighborhood as a redevelopment project area. In Los Angeles, the Staples Center redevelopment project was heralded by community and labor activists for its community benefits agreement.

So what's the truth about redevelopment? Is it a give-away to developers, as some contend, or the solution to the affordable housing crisis as others have argued? Does redevelopment sap tax revenues from the city, or does it increase city revenues? CCDC manages redevelopment in the downtown, but where are the 16 other project areas and how are they managed? How does an area qualify to be designated?

Mike Jenkins is an attorney practicing in redevelopment, land use, and nonprofit corporations law. He worked for 25 years in the area of community and economic development, 17 years with the City of San Diego, including stints as acting Deputy Director for Redevelopment and Assistant Director of the Community and Economic Development Department, and has taught at both USD Law School and SDSU Center for Community Economic Development.



Be sure to see page 3 for another in our popular "Lunch with League" series!

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Voter Service Extraordinaire! Could they hold an election without us? Look What We Did!

Television

Ten League members worked at Channel 10 answering questions from the public. Margaret Stevenson and Norma Damashek organized and participated in this unique Voter Service. Those participating included, Inge Jodka, Betty Weinberger, Joyce Tavrow, Elizabeth Schulman, Anne Hoiberg, Lisa Hamann, Beryl Flom and Debra Blum. Margaret said, "Our great volunteer TV Stars did a fantastic job! The split shift was not so convenient, but the show went on. I think the station was impressed, and we received some nice exposure. JW August not only treated us to lunch on Monday, but brought in water, coffee and sweet rolls, and spent some time answering phones with us. "

Speakers Bureau

Our 10 speakers spoke to 54 organizations, reaching about 1700 people! We had our usual mix of church groups, Jewish groups, community organizations, retirement communities and several new ones for lower income people, new voters and the homeless. The speakers gave between two and 10 talks each! Says Margaret, "We feel that our talks are like pebbles dropped into a pool --- the information goes out in circles, reaching many other voters to help them be informed. Many, many thanks to Debra Blum, Irene Dunny, Amie Garapich, Anne Hoiberg, Mariette Kobrak, Alice McCauley, Betty Schulman, Joyce Tavrow and Betty Weinberger. They are a wonderful group of gals to work with! We ended the season with a luncheon which gave us a chance to socialize, yak about our experiences with the public, laugh a lot and think about how we could make our part in the next election better."

Registering Voters

Inge Jodka chaired the valuable service of registering new voters at shopping centers, retirement homes and many other locations. She would like to thank her volunteers, Lynn Hairston, Mary-Anna Kornbrust, Nancy Witt and Lila Brill.

Many Other Services to Voters

Norma Damashek had an OpEd article published in the Union-Tribune on the League positions on Propositions B and C.

Kathleen McLeod presented a League message to the City Council on redevelopment issues in October.

Nancy Sandweiss distributed all the Pros and Cons to many locations. Catherine Stoll delivered Easy Readers to the Educational Cultural Complex.

Candidates Forums

News on these forums will appear on next month's Voter.

We thank you and the citizens of San Diego thank you!

“Lunch with League” Don't Fence Me In, Don't Fence Them Out!

Anne Hoiberg, Co-Chair, International Relations Committee

Hundreds of thousands of undocumented persons entered the U.S. in 2005, seeking a better life and decent work. Crossing illegally comes with deadly risks as reflected by a record number of 472 persons known to have died attempting to enter the U.S. in 2005. Once these migrants manage to cross the border, almost all of them find work, even though most face hardships or abuse from unscrupulous employers or vigilante groups.

Although numerous solutions have been proposed, George Bush signed into law last September the construction of a 700-mile fence along the border at an estimated cost of \$7 billion. With the shift in power in Congress, building such a fence with surveillance is likely to fade from our representatives' consciousness, especially with a revised cost estimate of \$37 billion. Other solutions will be addressed by the new Congress.

How can we understand the complexity of the problem and assist our elected officials in creating solutions? As a first step, we can participate in "Lunch with League: Illegal Immigration" as three experts share their work in this area:

Lilia Velasquez, Immigration Attorney
Enrique Morones, Community Activist,
Border Angels Founder,
Dede Hollowell, Department Director,
Immigration Services, Catholic Charities

Wednesday, January 31
Buffet lunch, Program 11:30 am-1:15 pm
Acapulco Restaurant, Old Town,
2467 Juan Street, 92110
Cost: \$15

“Lunch with League: Immigration Issues”

Reservations must be received by Thursday, January 25.
Send your check to LWVSD, 4901 Morena Blvd., Ste. #104,
San Diego, CA 92117

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$15.00 per person)

Get Involved with HOA Elections!

A recent bill passed in California requires that all Homeowners Associations have elections conducted by an outside authority. We feel the League is the perfect organization to be trusted with this duty. The LWVC will produce materials that can be used to run HOA elections. It can be an excellent source of revenue for us. The County League is preparing to do the training. We would like to have a list of potential trainees for this service. If this sounds like something you would like to do for the League and/or if you know of an HOA that needs help with their elections, please contact me.

Jeanne Brown (619) 857-1807
jhisten@cox.net.

Silent Auction Bargains

Two certificates remain from the Silent Auction: three-months membership at the Mission Valley YMCA and two private ballroom dancing lessons. The opening bid for each is \$45. If you would like to bid, please call Beryl Flom, 858-459-4406 by January 10th

Meet your Congressman (or Woman)

Each year, the LWV of California asks the local Leagues to meet with their members of Congress and the State Legislature. The same questions are asked throughout the State which helps LWVC understand the positions of these leaders.

Volunteers are needed to help conduct and record these interviews in January and February. It is a fascinating way to meet and talk one-on-one with our representatives. Please contact me if you would like to take part in one or more interviews.

Fran Morgan, 858-613-9488
fmorgan@san.rr.com

More Fun —Less Revenue

The Holiday Party was good fun, as always, and enjoyed by all. We made about \$4,000 this year which is about \$1,000 under budget and less than last year due to less revenue from the silent auction. There appeared to be fewer bidders and less bidding. Attendance was about the same. We are in the process of evaluating the event and would appreciate any thoughts — please send them to me. A big Thank You goes to all the donors, and to particularly the Units, who provided us with the beautiful baskets!

Beryl Flom 858-459-4406
edflom@sbcglobal.net

January Unit Meetings – Redevelopment 101

Monday, Jan 8th 9:30 -11:30 AM	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	San Diego National Bank Community Room, 2 nd Floor 16789 Bernardo Center. Dr. San Diego, CA 92128	Irene Dunny (858) 613-0335 Ethel Palmer 858-675-0590
Monday, Jan 8th 5:30 – 7:30 PM	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Parkway San Diego, CA 92108 (next to IKEA & Costco)	Debra Blum (619) 225-0353 Karen Beeson 619- 475-8236
Tuesday, Jan 9th 9:30 - 11:30 AM	La Jolla	La Jolla Public Library 7555 Draper Avenue La Jolla, CA 92037	Alice McCauley (858) 642-1856
Tuesday, Jan 9th 1:30 – 3:30 PM	University City	Home of Margaret Stevenson 4478 Hortensia San Diego, CA 92103	Fran Venn 858-558-3063 Susan Betts 858-455-6259
Wed., Jan 10th 9:30 – 11:30 AM	North Shores/ Point Loma	LWVSD Office 4901 Morena Blvd., Bldg 100, Suite 104 San Diego, CA 92117	Dee Sacks (619) 226-2252 Nancy Witt (619) 222-7230
Wed. Jan 10th 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Tierrasanta	Villa Monterey Clubhouse 5275 Rimpark/Apple Tree Dr. San Diego, CA 92124	Paula Hurst (858) 292-8214
Thurs. Jan 11th 9:30 – 11:30	East San Diego	Home of Barbara Evje 8767 Blue Lake Drive San Diego, CA 92119	Barbara Evje 619-462-4772

LWVSD Calendar — January

1	Mon.		<i>New Years Day</i>
2	Tues.	6:00 p.m.	LWVSD Board Meeting, LWVSD Office
4	Thurs	9:30 a.m.	Unit Council, LWVSD Office
5	Fri.	9:30 a.m.	LWVSD Program Committee, S. Larson, 5086 Constitution Rd., 92117
	Fri.	10:30 a.m.	County League Board Meeting, LWVSD Office
1/8 to 11			UNITS - Redevelopment 101
15	Mon		<i>Martin Luther King Day - march in parade</i>
16	Tues	6:30 p.m.	Executive Committee, LWVSD Office
17	Wed	10:00 a.m.	Membership Committee, LWVSD Office
		12:30 p.m.	Education Committee, LWVSD Office
26	Fri.	9:30 a.m.	Public Policy Committee, LWVSD Office
31	Wed.	11:30 a.m.	Lunch with League - Immigration Issues Acapulco Restaurant, 2467 Juan St., Old Town, 92110

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.

Please welcome new members over the last two months. Currently we have 534 members.

NAME	ZIP
Helen M. Anderson, M.D	92037
Cynthia Cadwell	92110
Patricia Cegelka	92103
Pamela Coker	92110
Barbara Conaty	92103
Rosalie Dow	92124
Marilee Herries	92103
Jean E. Landram	92108
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Carmen H. Pack	92107
Laurel I. Pfab	92119
Isabel Schon	92037
Ita Sheres	92116
Pedro M. Sousa	91902
Martha W. Wild	92104
Eileen Weiner	92064

Save the Date For a Bus Tour!

After the Unit meetings on Redevelopment, we will be touring some of the outstanding sites, including North Park and its new theatre, Liberty Station at the Naval Training Center, City Heights, Marketcreek Plaza, and Barrio Logan. The tour will start at 9:30am on Thursday, February 22 and will last for about six hours. Experts will lead the tour and attorney Mike Jenkins will fill in with background information. The total cost is \$40 including luncheon. More details in the February Voter.

Shirley Larson

New Job Opportunity - Dues Secretary

Keeping records of League members is essential. I look forward to working with a new Dues Secretary, after six years. The job involves entering the records of members, processing their dues and producing a monthly report. You can do most of your work at home, whenever it's most convenient for you. (You do need a computer with Microsoft Word). I'll be available to the new Dues Secretary by phone or e-mail when questions come up.

If you would enjoy getting to know League members and officers, like working at your own pace and have a head for detail, you will enjoy this work. Please phone me if you have any questions about this valuable position ---- I would be glad to meet with you.

Dee Sacks 619-226-2252
(Before or after Jan. 6-14)

Another Victory for Reproductive Rights! Let's Celebrate!

Rebecca S. Booth, CRC Representative

The recent mid-term election saw the rejection of ballot measures that would have significantly limited women's access to reproductive health care.

California and Oregon defeated parental notification measures, and South Dakota repealed a restrictive law that would have banned abortions at all stages of pregnancy.

Sarah Stoesz, of Planned Parenthood of South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota, led the successful movement in South Dakota to put this referendum on the ballot.

She will be the Keynote Speaker at the **Coalition for Reproductive Choice Celebration of the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade**. The ILO and LWVSD, members of the Coalition (CRC), invite you to join a League table in honoring longtime supporter and provider, **Dr. Paul Strauss**, with the *Defender of Choice Award*. Proceeds benefit the *Make a Difference Fund*, which helps cover the cost of reproductive health services for those who are unable to pay for such services.

34th Annual Roe v. Wade Celebration

Sunday, January 21

10:30 a.m. registration, 11:00 a.m. brunch

San Diego Woman's Club, 2557 Third Avenue

Cost: \$45

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Tickets: _____ at \$45.00 each \$ _____
(Postmarked before January 16th)

Tax Deductible Donations: *Make a Difference* \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Seat me/us at ILO ____ or LWVSD ____ Table




Make check payable to CRC and mail to:

Rebecca S. Booth, CRC Rep. 4957 Lillian St. San Diego, CA 92110-1542.

For information, call Rebecca at (619) 276-5741

NOTE: Individual seats may be reserved after 1-16-07 for \$55.00 if space is available.

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