



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®**  
**SAN DIEGO COUNTY**  
**INTER-LEAGUE ORGANIZATION**

# Voter

The ILO represents the Leagues of San Diego City,  
 East San Diego County, and North County.

Spring 2012

## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

### **Convention 2012**

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Holiday Inn Bayside**

**Harbor View Room, 5th Floor of Bayside Tower**

4875 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego

(Corner of Nimitz and N. Harbor Drive, north of the Airport)

<http://www.holinnbayside.com>



#### **Biennial Convention Business Includes**

Approval of County League Program, Budget, and Election of Officers/Directors for 2012-14

Honoring an Outstanding League Leader

Drawing Winners of the ILO "Opportunity Drawing" Fundraiser

#### **Luncheon Speaker Supervisor Pam Slater-Price**

Your \$27.00 reservation includes registration and luncheon.

(The main lunch choice includes roll, beverage, and dessert.)

Please make your reservations by **May 8** — send to:

Nancy Hand, Treasurer, 4545 Caminito San Sebastian, Del Mar, CA 92014

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_ lunch(es) \_\_\_ Mediterranean Salad (vegetarian) \_\_\_ Turkey Croissant

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail or Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Local League Name \_\_\_\_\_

**League of Women Voters  
San Diego County ILO  
Board of Directors 7/11 - 6/12**

**OFFICERS**

President.....Veronica Seay  
Vice President Administration..... Jeanne Brown  
Vice President Financial Planning.....Nancy Hand  
Vice President Mental Health.....Liz Kruidenier  
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**DIRECTORS**

Arrangements.....Marian Zeldin  
Communications.....Peggy Dornish  
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Sylvia Hampton  
Natural Resources.....Mary Hanson  
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



The County League Board and I urge you to attend County Convention. We have important business to conduct in view of our more focused emphasis on county and regional government, and the committee has chosen a delightful venue for our luncheon. Our guest speaker, the Honorable Pam Slater-Price, who is retiring from the Board of Supervisors, can be expected to give a candid talk about current county matters of interest and concern to us.

In addition to their presidents, each local League is asked to select the number of delegates allowed by the County League bylaws. San Diego City can have 17 delegates, North County 14 and East County 11. Voting delegates and non-voting members are equally welcome. The local boards will determine who their delegates are.

The drawing of winning tickets for prizes in our Opportunity Drawing Fundraiser takes place at Convention. There is still plenty of time to mail your tickets and donations to Treasurer Nancy Hand, 4545 Caminito San Sebastian, Del Mar, CA 92014.

The current County League Board looks forward to learning the results of our local Leagues' suggestions for County Program and Issues for Emphasis. This discussion, the budget, and election of Officers and Directors constitute our "business," followed by luncheon and our guest speaker.

I look forward to seeing you on May 16.

— Roni Seay, President

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## SMART VOTER

Smart Voter, the League's election website, will be reactivated by early April. The popular, award-winning site is an important countywide voter service project. The website lists candidates and measures from throughout the county. Its continuing success depends on all of us.

Many people ask: How can I help with Smart Voter? Here are some ways:

- ◆ Look at the site, [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org), or simply Google San Diego County Smart Voter. You'll reach the entire list of candidates running in the county-- federal through local. Clicking on a highlighted name in any race brings up detailed information submitted by participating candidates, including biographical info, priorities, supporters, a photo and importantly, a link to their campaign websites.
- ◆ Are you going to a candidates forum? Do you know some candidates listed on the overall list you looked at? Thank any candidates participating you see or know, or ask them to do so if they haven't submitted material. Encouraging candidates who have not yet



added their campaign message to Smart Voter is a challenging job. Your individual help with any follow-up is very important to the site's success.

- ◆ Return to the Smart Voter home page, where you can easily pull up your own sample ballot. Any redistricting changes affecting you will be evident. Again, highlighted entries provide useful information to help you make your own informed choices. Thousands of voters will do the same thing.

Now you've acquainted yourself with what Smart Voter looks like, you're ready to encourage candidates and friends to support it, and you've experienced how easily you and voters can pull up sample ballots on the website. You can see that the site benefits everyone: candidates, voters and you. I'm glad you're ready to help, and I thank you!

— Joyce Joseph, Smart Voter Coordinator

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***The County League has been concerned with the fate of Community Planning Groups in the county if some of the Red Tape Reduction Task Force's recommendations were to be adopted. Find our statement to the Board of Supervisors on the County League website.***

## Persisting Problems with Getting Food Stamps to Those Who Need Them

San Diego County recently paid over \$71,000 to the company InTelegy to evaluate the system whereby county residents in need receive help for food and other support through the Health and Human Services Administration. The report echoes what local community groups have long been saying: that persons in need of food stamps continue to face systemic barriers to receiving services. This report is just the most recent of a series of studies and assessments over the past two years, all of which have raised questions about how HHSA administers its food stamps program.

The earlier reports have been from the Food Research Action Center, the Rose Institute at Claremont McKenna College, the Center for Policy Initiatives, and the League's coalition partners SPIN and Caring Council. All



have had the same theme and identified the same issues, namely, long waits for Food Stamp applicants-- only one call in six gets through the ACCESS line after a 30 minute average wait; five of six calls are dropped with a message to call back; supporting documents have been lost; and many trips to Family Resource Centers are required to receive any aid at all.

The InTelegy Report is highly critical and calls for both public accountability and hiring more people to answer phones and providing more trunk lines for the present ACCESS system, which is automated. In our view, this system itself is inadequate because it eliminates case workers and actual contact between HHSA and those it is supposed to serve.

— Marji Larson, Director Social Policy

## SAN DIEGO'S WATER RESOURCES: The End of the Pipeline

We all know that when it comes to water, we in San Diego County are at the end of the pipeline. We enjoy our dry, sunny climate, but unless we use water more wisely, our lack of local water resources will leave us more and more at the mercy of the physical and political limits imposed by our reliance on imported water.



would produce would be used for reservoir augmentation and thereby add to our overall supply and reduce the need for imported water. (At the present time the purified water created at the Demonstration Project site is not added to our potable water supply; this is still just a feasibility study.)

Fortunately, conservation has been working. With a growing population, we are actually using the same amount of water now as we did in 1991. Some conservation has occurred at the source, such as lining the irrigation canals in Imperial County. We benefit indirectly, because less water needed for agriculture means more available for urban uses. Other conservation is the result of changes in our individual consumption of water. More of us are enjoying less thirsty landscaping, and newer fixtures and appliances require less water. As old, wasteful systems are replaced, the net savings add up.

At the Demonstration Project the first step is filtration through a very fine membrane. The second step is reverse osmosis. The third step is disinfection via ultraviolet rays and peroxide. Should this process ultimately be deemed safe and feasible, the goal would be to pipe the highly treated waste water to augment the supply in the San Vicente Reservoir, after which it would undergo the same treatment as other water from the reservoir. This could provide a sustainable additional source of high quality water, and although the process does consume energy, it requires less than either imported water or desalination.

In addition, there has been real progress in technologies such as desalination and recycling. The Water Purification Demonstration Project in San Diego is especially promising. Its objectives are quite different from recycling efforts currently in effect. Instead of the reused water being limited to industrial uses or landscape irrigation, the highly treated water that this or similar plants

It is very worthwhile to visit the facility, as an individual, an LWV Unit or a larger League group. Tours for the public are held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 10:00 or 11:30. You can reserve at [www.purewatersd.org](http://www.purewatersd.org).

— Mary Hanson, Natural Resources Director

### Convention Documents



Local Leagues will receive paper copies of the Convention booklets for their delegates and there will be additional copies for all who attend Convention. Convention information will be posted on the County League website by mid April. [www.sdcilo.ca.lwvnet.org](http://www.sdcilo.ca.lwvnet.org)

### Earth Day Fair at Balboa Park

This year the County League will be sponsoring our Earth Day booth. Members from all three Leagues are invited to help with the planning and staffing on Sunday, April 22, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will have two topics at our booth: 1) looking at the history of the League's connection to Balboa Park and 2) looking at the sustainability study that the North County League conducted this year. Visitors can answer questions on each of these topics and win a little drought-tolerant plant for a correct answer.



If you would like to help for a few hours or part or all day, please let Jeanne Brown know by contacting her at [jhisten.brown@gmail.com](mailto:jhisten.brown@gmail.com).