



LWV'S PUBLIC POLICY WORK: Part 1 – Getting Ideas on the Table

Saturday • January 7, 2017 • 10 am – noon

**Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W Fremont Ave • Room 702**

What do 2016 election results say about the people and their government? (*See the article on the next page.*) Does the current political environment offer special opportunities for our local League? Are there local issues we want to address? Are there countywide issues, state legislation, or other advocacy in need of League attention? Can we offer community education on certain issues? Where can League have most impact?

We will explore these questions and share ideas about the change we want to affect in our communities and our state. Every year League members gather to assess where our public policy efforts should be focused. We call this “program planning” and it is truly a grassroots process.

We encourage all League members to come to this meeting, and even bring a friend. If you have concerns about government or public policy, this meeting offers a place to bring those concerns with the expectation of working together to make things better.

**COME TO THIS LIVELY EXCHANGE
& HELP SET OUR AGENDA**

Save the Date

Part 2 – Forging Ideas into Proposals
Saturday, February 11 • 10 am – noon
Sunnyvale Presbyterian • Room 501

LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS – NOVEMBER 2016

Voter dissatisfaction with government, which was so apparent in the presidential election, was also evident in some of the local measures and contests in Cupertino and Sunnyvale. Both cities had initiatives related to land use that arose from citizen displeasure with actions by the City Councils. Although the initiatives failed, very narrowly in Sunnyvale, voters' City Council choices indicated a desire for change. That same sentiment was also evident in one school board contest.

Countywide Measures – Voter support for both countywide measures exceeded the 2/3 required for passage. Measure A, which authorizes \$950 million in county bonds for affordable housing, garnered 68% approval. Measure B, which institutes a new ½ cent sales tax for transportation projects, received a 72% YES vote.

Cupertino Measures – Voters defeated both initiatives relating to redevelopment of Vallco. Measure C, which would have blocked the project proposed for Vallco, was opposed by 61% of voters. Measure D, which aligned with the proposed project, was opposed by 55%.

Cupertino City Council – Councilmember **Rod Sinks** won a second term, garnering the most votes out of a field of eight candidates. The other council seat up for election this year went to newcomer **Steven Scharf**, a major proponent of Measure C.

Sunnyvale Measures – Two tax-related measures passed by wide margins, while a hotly disputed citizen initiative was narrowly defeated. Measure N, an update of the City's Utility Users Tax, was approved by 77%. Measure BB, which extends the \$69 parcel tax for Sunnyvale School District, received 74% approval. Measure M, which would have required voter approval for some transactions of city-owned property, lost by just 368 votes of over 45,000. Interestingly, nearly 90% of Santa Clara voters approved Measure R, which was similar to M but with less ambiguity.

Sunnyvale City Council
Three councilmembers running for a second term were unseated. Voters chose **Russ Melton** by a large 61:39 margin to replace Pat Meyering, who survived a recall attempt a couple of years ago. **Nancy Smith**, who first ran unsuccessfully for City Council in 2005, garnered 67% this time, handily defeating retired public safety officer Jim Davis. The third incumbent

to be denied a second term, Tara Martin-Milius, lost by 3.7% to **Michael Goldman**. In the fourth City Council race, **Larry Klein** won his second election in three months, adding a 4-year term to his four months from the August Special Election.

Cupertino Union School District – Four candidates were vying for two seats, including the two incumbents. Newcomer and Measure C supporter **Liang Chao** won a seat with 4% more votes than any other candidate. The race for the second seat was so close a recount was required, which had not been completed as of 12/20. The original count had incumbent **Phyllis Vogel** winning over Gregory Anderson by just 218 votes. The other incumbent, Jo Lucey, came in last and will be leaving the school board after 15 years of service.

Fremont Union High School District – Three candidates were vying for two seats. Science teacher, **Roy Rocklin**, garnered the most votes. Incumbent **Jeff Moe** won re-election to a second term by a margin of 4% over newcomer Jenny Yuan.

Foothill-DeAnza Community College District – Six candidates were vying for three seats. The top vote getter was **Laura Casas**, an 11-year veteran of the DeAnza board and the only incumbent running. **Peter Landsberger** and **Gilbert Wong** won the other two seats. Landsberger comes to this board with 30 years of experience in community colleges, and Gilbert Wong just completed the maximum two terms on the Cupertino City Council.

County School Board, Area 1
Incumbent **Grace Mah** won re-election against Sheena Chin, with 62% of the vote.

Cupertino Sanitary District
Despite a good showing by one challenger, the three incumbents were re-elected.

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Official Election Results			
Local offices & measures – County Election Results www.sccvote.org			
Higher offices & state props – State Election Results www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ <i>VotersEdge.org/CA also lists election results.</i>			
Voter Registration & Participation			
November 2016 General Election			
	Registered ¹	Dem:Rep:NPP ²	Turnout
Cupertino	29 k	39 : 17 : 41	86%
Sunnyvale	61 k	46 : 17 : 33	85%
Santa Clara Co	875 k	47 : 20 : 30	83%
California	19.4 M	45 : 26 : 24	75%
¹ k = thousand, M = million		² No Party Preference	