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PRO/CON PRESENTATIONS ON STATE PROPOSITIONS

Monday, May 4, 7:00-8:30 pm
Cupertino Library
10800 Torre Ave, Story Room
Cupertino, 95014

Thursday, May 7, 10:00-11:00 am
St Thomas Episcopal Church
231 Sunset Ave
Sunnyvale, 94086

Monday, May 11, 7:30-9:00 pm
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W Fremont Ave, Room 501
Sunnyvale, 94087

League speakers will explain the propositions, overview the state budget situation, and answer questions from the audience.

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NONPARTISAN ELECTION INFORMATION

easyvoter.org

Concise information in 5 languages for new and busy voter. Copies of the *Easy Voter Guide* are available at libraries

smartvoter.org

Links to lots of information on the propositions.

Put in your address to find your polling place.

sos.ca.gov

The official *Voter Information Guide* that comes in the mail.

Contributions to campaigns supporting/opposing propositions.

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY JUNE 6, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
ANNUAL MEETING

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we head into May, we are excited to have several members attending the LWV State Convention in Long Beach. Linda Davis will be presenting a workshop on Voter Service. She is being nominated for a special position at the State level. It's quite an honor for her and we appreciate all she does for the League here at the local level as well as the state level. I will be one of the presenters on Advocacy at the local level. Laurel Stell will attend for the first time. She has great computer skills and is helping our group improve our website and other technology capabilities. Roberta Hollimon will be attending and is part of the State Budget Committee. We look forward to bringing back new ideas on how we can keep democracy working in our area.

Elaine Manley

TAKE THE BUDGET CHALLENGE

Next 10 is inviting all Californians to take the [California Budget Challenge](#), a nonpartisan Internet tool that lets you roll up your sleeves and create your own state budget. You call the shots on how much to spend on schools, the environment, healthcare, prisons and other state programs – and how to pay for them. Should we levy a carbon tax? Restructure Prop 13? Cut income taxes? YOU DECIDE!

Next 10 created the California Budget Challenge as a public service to engage more Californians in the budget process and to foster a greater understanding about the tough choices we need to make to ensure California is a great place to live – both now and in the future.

To take the Challenge go to www.nextten.org/challenge.

THE LEAGUE RECOMMENDS

Measure B –CUSD Parcel Tax	Yes
Proposition 1A	No
Proposition 1C	No
Proposition 1E	No
Proposition 1F	No

Board Briefs

At its April meeting your board:

- Adopted the proposed budget submitted by the Budget Committee to be presented to members at the Annual Meeting.
- Accepted the consensus report on National Popular Vote to be submitted to the LWVUS.
- Learned that the Community Appeal will be sent out this month.
- Heard plans for the Annual Meeting to be held June 6.

Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Tracy Edwards, Ruth Mansberger, LaVerne Prentice, Lois Schulze.

Thank you for including a donation with your dues: Joyce Bartlett.

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LEAGUE NEWS

National – President, Mary Wilson writes, “Passage of comprehensive health care reform is a major priority for the League of Women Voters of the United States in the 111th Congress, and we look forward to working with Leagues to pass meaningful health care reform...the LWVUS Lobby Corps will be lobbying all 100 Senate offices in support of comprehensive health care reform legislation. We have also sent out an action alert in support of the President’s budget, which contains essential funding for health care reform. The League of Women Voters is urging Senators to draft legislation that guarantees quality, affordable health care to all U.S. residents, including the prevention of disease, health promotion and education, primary, acute and long-term care, mental health care, and prescription drug coverage as well as allow for pre-existing conditions; establishes a system-wide program to coordinate information, establishes best practices and provides consumers the information they need to protect themselves and their families; and provides effective cost controls, equitable distribution of services and allows for efficient and economical delivery of care.

State –President Janis Hirohama has announced that there will be a Caucus at convention on Thinking Strategically on Organizational Capacity.

MEMBER NOMINATED TO STATE BOARD

Local League member, Linda Davis has been nominated to serve on the League of Women Voters of California Board of Directors. The state League, as part of its Strategy Formation process has created a new position, Vice President for Voter Service, and Linda has been asked to fill that position.

For many years, Linda has been devoted to providing information to voters both locally and statewide.

She has organized pro/con presentations in Cupertino and Sunnyvale spending many hours researching material on ballot measures. At the state level she has been a writer and editor for the *Easy Voter Guide*.

Linda’s background makes her a perfect fit for this position. Although we will lose some of Linda’s time and talents, our League is very proud to have Linda as a member of the state League Board.

Join the League of Women Voters

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all men and women of voting age who are U.S. citizens. Others are welcome to join the League as associate members.

Send your check to LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale, P.O. Box 2923, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

___ \$60 Individual member

Name: _____

___ \$90 Two members in a household

Address: _____

___ \$15 Student

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CALENDAR

May

Mon	4	7:00 pm	Pros and Cons Cupertino Library, Story Room 10800 Torre Ave, Cupertino
Thu	7	10:00 am	Pros and Cons St Thomas Episcopal Church 231 Sunset Ave, Sunnyvale
Mon	11	7:30 pm	Pros and Cons Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church Room 501 728 W Fremont Ave, Room 501
Mon	11	7:00 pm	Board Meeting Meyering Office 19925 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino
Fri – Sun	15-17		LWVC Convention Long Beach

June

Sat	6	10-1	Annual Meeting
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