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PRESIDENT MANLEY ADDRESSES SUNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL

The League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale's president, Elaine Manley, made the following presentation to the Sunnyvale City Council.

Thank you Mayor Hamilton and Council members. My name is Elaine Manley. I am speaking as the president of the League of Women Voters of Cupertino and Sunnyvale as well as a resident of Sunnyvale. I strongly encourage the Council to continue to investigate how we could make public financing and campaign finance reform work in Sunnyvale. The League is a nonpartisan nationwide organization and we have actively worked with other states that have successfully implemented this with very positive results. We'd like to see that success brought to Sunnyvale as well as other areas.

The League believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should:

- Ensure the public's right to know
- Combat undue influence
- Enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office, and
- Allow maximum citizen participation in the political process.

We are very excited about the California Fair Elections Act. Which will appear on the June 2010 ballot to reduce the influence of the special interests that use money to buy power in Sacramento.

Therefore, I encourage the Council to please continue the study on public financing and campaign finance reform. Thank you.

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FEBRUARY MEETING RESCHEDULED

Please note that we have rescheduled the February 13th event celebrating the 90th anniversary of the League to September. Once we have the date and location finalized, we will let you know. The League of Women Voters US is in the process of creating additional materials and programs for the celebration across the nation and we'd like to incorporate those into our event. Therefore, we have moved our event to a later date.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The League's 90th anniversary will be on February 14th. Originally we had planned to celebrate it on Feb 13th but after learning what was coming from LWVUS, we decided to postpone our event until September. This gives us plenty of time to incorporate what they are creating. Please make a list of friends that you would like to have come to our celebration later this year. As we get closer, you'll be able to forward the invitation to them. And if you'd like to work on developing this event, please let me know at president@cs.ca.lwvnet.org.

As Susan explained last month, we will be doing Pro/Con presentations on the 4 ballot measures. Please mark April 19th from 11 AM til 1PM. We will be presenting to League members and guests in preparation for our TV taping happening later that week. We'd appreciate your feedback.

We had our Program Planning on January 20th. Thank you to Roberta Hollimon for coordinating and running the meeting. And thank you to Bev & Rick Olsen for hosting the meetings. It was a fascinating meeting with delicious treats.

We have projects with Smart Voter, the 90th celebration, Instant Runoff Voting, and many more. Let us know what interests you most. Every bit that you do helps keep democracy working.

Elaine Manley

LEAGUE SUPPORTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS

The Cupertino City Council held a workshop to consider a proposal from the Cupertino Rotary Housing Corporation for affordable senior housing on Mary Avenue north of the Oaks shopping center. Roberta Hollimon testified for the League in support of the project. Hollimon said, "The League has a long history advocating for equitable access to housing." She continued, "The proposed project is well sited: within walking distance to transportation, the Senior Center, DeAnza and Flint Center, Memorial Park, the Oaks and even Whole Foods."

33RD ANNUAL EDSOURCE FORUM CALIFORNIA AT A CROSSROADS: CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY

Friday, March 19, 2010
Santa Clara Marriott, Santa Clara, California
Early-bird discount ends February 19

California public education is truly at a crossroads, facing both crisis and opportunity. Attend EdSource's Annual Forum and take a look at the road ahead. For program details and registration, visit the EdSource website www.edsource.org.

Board Briefs

At its January meeting your board:

- Learned that the Pro/Con team will produce a television show
- Decided to reschedule the League's 90th Anniversary meeting from February to September.
- Heard that President Elaine Manley testified at the Sunnyvale City Council meeting on public financing and campaign finance reform.
- Set Monday February 8 as the date for the next Board Meeting.

Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Mary Boyle, Bruce Kendall, Otto Lee, Judith Pogue, Barbara Pon, Marieann Shovlin, Jason Spiller, Peter Warburton, and William Wilson.

Thank you for including a donation with your dues: Charles and Leanne Untulis.

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LEAGUE NEWS

National – League and other groups commended strong rules on lobbying, ethics and transparency and urged the Administration to take on public financing and FEC reforms.

State – Following the May 2009 LWVC Convention, a group of League members from throughout the state met to share information about water issues. They agreed that the goals for solutions to the Delta and larger state water concerns were those expressed in a letter sent to Resources Agency Secretary Mike Chrisman in November 2008 regarding the Delta Vision and Bay Delta Conservation Plan. It was noted that, there is a fear that “the water needs of those who live and work within the Delta will be of secondary importance to the perceived need for water supply reliability in other parts of the state.” The 2008 letter went on to say, “the state should set limits on the amount of water to be exported through or around the Delta...we urge that the scope of the [environmental review] include an alternative that would establish statewide water conservation, recycling, watershed management, development of local supplies, and other non-structural strategies as the preferred solution.”

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

See if there is a job that fits your talents and interest and volunteer by contacting the editor at: lwvcseditor@comcast.net.

Nominating Committee - We could use one or two more members of the nominating committee. This requires one or more meetings to decide who should be asked to serve on the next board and then phoning and inviting them to take a position as officer or director.

Community Appeal - Spend two hours helping label, stuff, and seal envelopes for the annual Community Appeal

HOW MANY LEAGUE MEMBERS AND HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO CLEAN OUT FOUR LEAGUE ARCHIVAL BOXES?

The answers are five members and one hour. Many hands made light work of sorting as Suzanne Ford, Roberta Hollimon, and Marilyn and Sandy Howard joined LaVerne Prentice in her garage to attack the four boxes. Papers went to the “must be saved” stack or the recycling bin. Items that could be used again were saved but much went into the trash. Each worker took home a sack of recycling so as to not overload LaVerne’s blue bin.

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 payable to LWVCS to LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale, P.O. Box 2923, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

___ \$60 Individual member

Name(s): _____

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Address: _____

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Membership checks are made out to LWVCS and are not tax deductible.

To make a tax-deductible donation, write a separate check to LWVCS Education Fund.

CALENDAR

January

- Wed 27 7 - 9 PM **Community College Dialogue**
Los Altos Library
13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos
- Sat 30 9 AM - 2 PM **Bay Area League Day**
“Big Steps, Little Steps to Addressing Climate Change”
Metro Center
101 Eighth Street, Oakland
Next to Lake Merritt Bart Station

February

- Mon 8 7:30 PM **Board Meeting**
TBA

March

- Fri 19 8:30 AM - 3 PM **EdSource Forum**
California at a Crossroads
Santa Clara Marriott, Santa Clara

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