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LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale  
Invites you to the

## LWV 90th Anniversary Celebration

For members as well as guests

*Special Guest speakers from*

- *Sunnyvale City Council*
- *Cupertino City Council*
- *And highlights from long time members from Our own local League*

**Join us at Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum  
570 E Remington Dr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Saturday  
October 9, 2010**

**2 – 4 PM**

Delicious refreshments

to RSVP

Call 408-230-9928 or [lwvcseditor@comcast.net](mailto:lwvcseditor@comcast.net)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we head into fall, we encounter two big reminders of why the League of Women Voters is still around, still relevant after all these years. At our 90th anniversary party (details elsewhere in this issue), we'll celebrate history and acknowledge the struggles of those who came before us. It will be a mix of serious and fun, both celebration and reminder. And as we approach the November 2010 election, we acknowledge that the struggle is not yet over. We still want, we still fight for, an informed citizenry that exercises its right to vote after careful deliberation. We still want our votes to count exactly once each! We still want our elected officials to know that we will support them in doing their job and hold them accountable when they don't. This election is no different. There are candidates to decide among. There are local and state propositions. And the men and women of your local League of Women Voters (that's all of us!) will be in the thick of things trying to make sure that you have the information you need. If you have any interest in helping with the work, opportunities abound! To help at a candidates forum, asking questions of people who hope to hold elective office, contact Marilyn Howard MJZHactivist@yahoo.com. To help with presentations on propositions, whether it's speaking in public or indispensable work behind the scenes, contact me at susan@mathinspired.com. In every area there are organizing jobs, work-at-home jobs, public speaking jobs and less visible jobs. There is a job to suit your personality and available time if you'll just let us know what they are. Together we can support our neighbors in making informed decisions for our community.

Hoping to see you at the party!

*Susan*

## CANDIDATE FORUMS

**Fremont Union  
High School District  
and  
Santa Clara County  
Board of Education  
Seats 2, 6, and 7**

Wednesday, October 6, 2010  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Fremont Union HS District Office  
589 W Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale

Ask questions of the candidates.

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**Santa Clara Valley Water  
District Board, District 7**

Saturday, October 16, 2010  
3:00 PM  
Los Altos Library  
13 South San Antonio Road  
Los Altos

Meet and hear invitees Lou Becker and  
Brian Schmidt express their views.

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Cupertino/Sunnyvale  
Los Altos Library*

## Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures

Monday, September 27  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Cupertino Community Hall  
10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino

Wednesday, September 29  
7:30-9:30 PM  
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
728 W Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale

Listing of all public Pros and Cons presentations  
will be included in next month's VOTER

## Board Briefs

At its August meeting your board:

- Established a committee to examine the Foothill-DeAnza Community College's proposed Parcel Tax and make a recommendation to the board as to whether or not the League should support the Tax.
- Agreed to co-sponsor the LWV Los Altos-Mountain-View Education Forum.
- Will invite Santa Clara University Professor Barbara Murray to speak at our 90th birthday party.
- Decided to order Easy Voter Guides in four languages.

## Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Janet Bertaina, Josephine Borucki, Leslie Fitch, Robin Holmes, Bernard Kalvelage, Mary Catherine Martin, and Bev and Ric Olsen.

Thank you for including a donation with your dues: Dorothy Normark.

Welcome new members : Bo Chang and Mari Most.

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## **UNDERSTANDING THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET CRISIS**

***Are you concerned about the State budget?***

***Are you frustrated by the endless delays involved in getting the budget passed?***

***Do you wonder why the budget is always late?***

Join the League of Women Voters San Jose/Santa Clara and The Silicon Valley Collaborative for Reform at a highly interactive free event where you will experience the choices confronting law makers as they draft our state budgets. Exercise provided by *Next 10*. Register now. Seating is limited.

**When: Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**9:15 Registration**

**9:30 – 12:30 Program**

**Where: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library**

**MLK Room 225/229**

**150 East San Fernando St.**

**San Jose, CA 95112**

**Register: [league@lwvsjsc.org](mailto:league@lwvsjsc.org) or 408-271-7163**



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## TEEN JUSTICE 101

### WHAT PARENTS AND TEENS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DRUGS, DRINKING, AND DRIVING

Hear from the police, the public defender, a deputy district attorney, and a judge about what can happen when juveniles make bad decisions regarding drugs, drinking, and driving.

**PANEL:**

Scott Vermeer, Mountain View Police Chief  
Mary Greenwood, Santa Clara County's Public Defender  
Julia Alloggiamento, Deputy District Attorney Santa Clara County  
Judge Jacqueline Duong, Santa Clara County Juvenile Court

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 29, 2010  
7 – 9 PM

**WHERE:** Los Altos High School Theater  
201 Almond Avenue, Los Altos

*BONUS!* The first 100 people to walk through the theater doors will get two useful newsletters published by the State Bar of California: “Kids and the Law: An A – Z Guide for Parents” and “When You Become 18: A Survival Guide for Teenagers.” Copies will be available in English and in Spanish.

We welcome Spanish-speaking parents and students to our timely forum. We will have a Spanish interpreter there to interpret the speaker's remarks plus all questions from the audience.

Why the League? The League of Women Voters of California supports a pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade education system which develops patterns of lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.

We thank our distinguished co-sponsors :

All five Leagues in Santa Clara County  
PTA Council Los Altos/Mountain View  
PTSA Mountain View High School and Los Altos High School  
PTA Homestead High School  
Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District  
Mountain View Whisman School District  
Los Altos School District  
Challenge Team  
CHAC  
CAT (Castro School neighborhood Community in Action)  
Los Altos Community Foundation

## LEAGUE NEWS

**National** – The League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia, with area Leagues and supporters, marched in front of the White House on August 26, to celebrate the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, and reminding the public that the District's women and men still do not have a vote in Congress!

**State** – At the June 2010 LWVUS Convention held in Atlanta, The League of Women Voters of California received the “Strengthening Democracy through Reform” award for its redistricting reform and implementation efforts.

### Message About Email VOTERS

All of our VOTERS are archived on our local League website. If you need to refer to an old VOTER for the date of an event or to read an article, go to [www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org](http://www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org) and click on “THE VOTER NEWSLETTER” in the left hand column.

## TRIBUTE TO TRUDELL

From Janis Hirohama, president LWVC

[It is with sadness that we report] “that Trudell Een passed away on August 5, after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Trudell was the founding project director of SmartVoter.org and oversaw its growth into the premier online voter information resource in California as well as in other parts of the country. She was truly the heart and soul of Smart Voter, and her vision, passion, and tireless efforts enabled us to provide this invaluable service to the public. We will always remember Trudell, and we treasure the legacy she left us with Smart Voter.”

Go to [www.smartvoter.org/trudell](http://www.smartvoter.org/trudell) to learn more about her accomplishments and contributions to Smart Voter.

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## MONITOR ON LINE

From LWV Bay Area

LWVBA would like to remind members of local Leagues that the *Bay Area Monitor*, an LWVBAEF educational newsletter covering transportation, air quality, water quality, open space, and land use issues from a regional angle, is available to read on the Internet. To receive notifications when new newsletters get posted online, visit [www.bayareamonitor.org](http://www.bayareamonitor.org) and click the “Subscribe” tab near the top of the page. Then enter your name and e-mail address on the subsequent page and click the “Subscribe” button. There is no need to worry about receiving extraneous messages, as only six notifications get e-mailed out every year. Please feel free to e-mail Bay Area Monitor editor Alec MacDonald at [editor@bayareamonitor.org](mailto:editor@bayareamonitor.org) with any questions, or to be added to the hard copy subscriber list.

## 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): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$90 Two members in a household

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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

### September

Mon	12	7:00 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b> Levy's 10802 Wilkinson Ave, Cupertino
Sat	25	9:15 AM to 12:30 PM	<b>Understanding the California State Budget Crisis</b> Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library -MLK Room 225/229 150 E San Fernando, San Jose 95112
Wed	29	7:00-9:00 PM	<b>Teen Justice 101</b> Los Altos High School Theater 201 Almond Avenue, Los Altos

### October

Wed	6	7:00-9:00 PM	<b>Candidate Forums FUHSD &amp; SCCBOE</b> Fremont Union High School District - Board Room 589 W Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale
Sat	9	2:00-4:00 PM	<b>90th Birthday Celebration</b> Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum, 2nd Floor 570 E Remington Drive, Sunnyvale 94087
Sat	16	3:00 PM	<b>Santa Clara Valley Water District Board, District 7</b> Los Altos Library, 3 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos

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