



# VOTER

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### CONVENTION REPORT

Susan Hough

As always the League of Women Voters of California Convention was educational, interesting, and entertaining. If you haven't been to one, you've missed a unique experience! We deliberated and discussed. We debated passionately but politely about things we really care about. And we came to some decisions.

Issues for emphasis for the next two years will include redistricting implementation, state and local finance (including California's financing of education), and the initiative and referendum process. There are, as always, so many things we want to do, but we were all too aware of the need to use our limited resources carefully. We want to really make a difference in a few areas instead of making a token effort in a whole assortment of areas.

But now to the big exciting news! As background, I should tell you that last time I was in Sacramento I worked a bit with a young woman named Jenny Waggoner. Her competence and intelligence were striking, and I hoped to be seeing her making her mark on League for a long time. But knowing the League to be a large organization with a lot of talent and a certain amount of inertia, I expected that she would be putting in her time in background roles for the next twenty years. I was shocked but thrilled to see her nominated and elected as President of the League of Women Voters of California at this convention! People, we are going to get things done, and you're going to want to be in on it!

### LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale Board of Directors

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Off Board

### SAVE THE DATE

**Date:** Tuesday, September 20  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Topic:** Federal Role in Education  
**Place:** To be announced  
**Speaker:** Linda Darling-Hammond, Professor, Stanford University School of Education, author of *The Flat World and Education: How America's Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future*.

This talk will tie into the League's study of the Federal Role in Public Education

Sponsors: LWV Palo Alto, LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale, and the Sixth District (Santa Clara County PTA)

## THANK YOUS IN ORDER

At its Annual Meeting the League honored two members for their long service to the League. Evelyn Lundstrom has retired from her position as dues secretary. Members looked forward to hearing from Evelyn when it was time to renew their membership. Some even postponed sending in their money just to get a phone call from Evelyn. Thank you Evelyn for all you have done for the League.

Louise Levy has been our faithful secretary for many years. She is enjoying a well-earned rest from taking minutes but continues to serve on the board contributing her knowledge of policies and the history of our League.

Many thanks to these tireless workers.

We also thank Roberta Hollimon, Russ Howard and Barbara Sullivan for monitoring an election at a Homeowners Association giving the League some visibility in the community and resulting in a donation to our League.

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## COMMUNITY APPEAL CLOSE TO GOAL

This year's Community Appeal is close to reaching the goal of \$1,900.00. Thanks to the efforts of the mailing committee, Pete Botsford, Dorothy Givens, Roberta Hollimon, Susan Hough, LaVerne Prentice, and Lois Smallwood, and special thanks to the following for their contributions:

Harold & Beverly Berry  
Peter Botsford  
Harold Brown  
Delores Carson  
Joan & Charles Coston  
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Katharine & Terry Turner  
Rose-Marie Twu  
Leanne & Charles Untulis  
Thomas & Katherine Waugh  
Wilma Wool

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### Correction

In the May issue of the VOTER there was an incorrect listing of the Leagues participating in the Honda interview. It should have read participating Leagues participating in the Honda interview were: LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale, LWV San Jose-Santa Clara and LWV Southwest Santa Clara Valley.

### Board Briefs

At its May meeting, your board:

- Heard a report on the proposal to adopt by concurrence an update to the LWVC Juvenile Justice position. It was felt that there was not a compelling argument for change.
- Discussed a date and place for board training.
- Approved the budget presented by Budget Chair, Sharon Jenks.

At its July meeting, your board:

- Appointed Barbara Sullivan as a board director.
- Learned that we will hold candidate forums for local November elections.
- Set a date for Board Training.
- Agreed to cosponsor a meeting on the Federal Role in Education.

### Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Barbara Beyda, Nancy Burnett, Hobart Davis, Suzanne Ford, Roberta and Marshall Hollimon, Robin Holmes, Kris Kelly, Betty Nelson, Mona Norins, Barbara Sullivan, and Rose Marie Twu.

Thank you for including a donation with your renewal: Autumn Bea, Marilyn Collins, Gladys Garabedian, Dorothy Givens, Anita Herrmann, Marilyn and Alexander Howard, Russ Howard and Louise Levy.

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## LEAGUE NEWS

**National** – In June, the League urged supporters to take action and send President Obama a message to fight for a strong smog standard to protect the health of all Americans, including those most vulnerable to air pollution – patients with chronic lung and breathing problems, our children, and our seniors.

**State** – Delegates to the LWVC convention in May decided to focus on the initiative and referendum process in California. They agreed to engage in a study of the process to determine whether members support changes to our current position, and to provide high quality material and resources on the initiative and referendum process for community education efforts.

### League Websites

National [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)  
State [www.ca.lwv.org](http://www.ca.lwv.org)  
Bay Area [www.lwvba-ca.org](http://www.lwvba-ca.org)  
County [www.scc.ca.lwvnet.org](http://www.scc.ca.lwvnet.org)  
Local [www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org](http://www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org)

## LEAGUE HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Melissa Breach

LWVC announced that Melissa Breach will be the new Executive Director.

She has over 15 years of service in nonprofit leadership and brings significant experience as a nonprofit strategist. She is a skilled consultant and trainer on the issues of governance, organizational sustainability, and change facilitation. She was Director of Programs at the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership and is a former advisory committee member of the California Arts Commission's Public School Partnership Initiative, as well as a former Board Member of California Partners in Education, Theatre for Young People, and Resourceful Women.

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## eVOTERS

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.

## 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

### August

Sat 20 9 AM  
10 AM      **Board Meeting**  
**Board Training**  
Location TBA

### September

Tue 20 7:00 PM      **Public Meeting**  
**The Federal Role in education**  
Location TBA

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