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CONSENSUS MEETINGS

National Education Study of the Federal Role in Education

Date: Wednesday, September 28

Time: 10:00 AM to Noon

Place: Hollimon's, 11155 La Paloma Drive, Cupertino 95014
or

Date: Wednesday, September 28

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Place: Hollimon's, 11155 La Paloma Drive, Cupertino 95014

(Same program presented at each meeting)

What is a Consensus?

It is easier to say what consensus is not, than what it is. Consensus is not a vote, rather, consensus is mutual agreement of League members arrived at through discussion. During discussion, everyone has an opportunity to express their viewpoints, and the issue is examined from all sides. Consensus questions, created by the appropriate study committee and approved by the Board, provide structure for the meeting. Members discuss the pros and cons until it becomes apparent that consensus has/has not been reached on each question. The study committee analyzes the consensus responses and, using this information, creates a position statement.

Background Material

The five members of the local education study committee have prepared a presentation for the meetings. Background material, developed by LWVUS, will be mailed in mid-September to help members prepare for the consensus meetings. The meeting in September will focus on the History of Federal Involvement in Education and Common Core Standards and Evaluation. To prepare for the September meeting you should read *History of Government in Public Education*, *Where Have we Been and How Did We Get Here?* and *Common Core Standards* contained in the material that will be mailed..

Another set of meetings will be held October 26 when we will address Equity and Funding, Early Childhood Education, and Children With Special Needs. Background material for these meetings will be included with the material being mailed in September.

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Professor Linda Darling-Hammond

“The Flat World and Education”



Dr. Darling-Hammond is the Stanford University Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education and Co-Director of the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education. She serves on the U.S. Department of Education’s Equity and Excellence Commission. Her latest book is *The Flat World and Education: How America’s Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future*.

Tuesday, September 20, 7-9 PM

Haymarket Theatre, Palo Alto High School
50 Embarcadero Road at El Camino Real, Palo Alto 94301

Free and open to the public.
Please R.S.V.P. by September 16 - (650) 327-9148

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LEAGUE STUDIES

Intrigued by the Education Study? There are two more studies coming along that you can join.

One is a study, adopted by delegates to the LWVUS Convention in June 2010, of privatization of government functions. “Privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services, and assets to the private sector.” The study will focus on the impact of privatizing government services on local communities.

At the LWVC Convention of 2011, the delegates voted to update the League’s position on the Initiative and Referendum Process in California. A state committee is developing study scope, timeline and budget and study materials and consensus questions. These will be communicated to local Leagues when ready.

Board Briefs

At its August meeting, your board:

- Learned that a candidate forum for Cupertino City Council will be held on Oct 10, 7-9 PM and a forum for Sunnyvale City Council will be held October 17, 7-9 PM. A forum for Sunnyvale Elementary School District Board of Trustees is being planned.
- Heard that we will register voters at the Lakewood Village Homeowners Association picnic on October 12.
- Were told that the Community Appeal is within \$45 of reaching its goal.

Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Bo Chang, Leslie Fitch, Bev and Ric Olsen, and Leonard Williams.

Thank you for including a donation with your renewal: Pat Boyle and Frances Grabau.

Thanks to Peter Botsford for your donation to the League and to Kirsten Holmquist, Jo Lucey and Jack Walker for your donations to the Community Appeal.

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LEAGUE NEWS

National – The League recently worked with partner organizations to launch a citizen’s campaign to protect our public health. The Clean Air Promise offers everyone in our community – the public, business leaders and elected officials – a means to come together to do something for real people and real communities. Visit www.peoplenotpolluters.org to share your story, make the promise and send a message asking your elected officials to make the promise well.

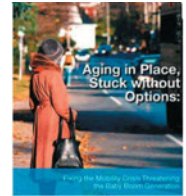
State – LWVC announced new free communications trainings online. Members can sign up for communications webinars. You can sign up for just one, but it is recommended that you watch the whole series in order (the first one is already recorded and is available online. They all will be recorded in case you can't attend, but it is much more rewarding to participate live.

Sign up now.

Writing for Web and Email, July 25
E-Newsletters, August 15
Making the Ask, September 19

BAY AREA LEAGUE TO HOST FORUM ON SENIOR MOBILITY

Is the Bay Area prepared for a “silver tsunami”?



As the baby boomer generation reaches retirement age, the region is seeing a dramatic increase in its elder population. From 2010 to 2020, the number of seniors in the Bay Area is expected to rise by 35 percent. This shift demands additional planning for the specific needs of people 65 years or older — especially with respect to transportation, given that driving starts to become a less optimal option for this demographic.

In order to address this pressing challenge, the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Education Fund and the League of Women Voters of Berkeley-Albany-Emeryville will host an upcoming senior mobility forum featuring many speakers with expertise on transportation and aging.

The forum will be held on Wednesday, September 21 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM in the community meeting room on the third floor of the Berkeley Public Library at 2090 Kittredge Street, just off of Shattuck Avenue. The library is adjacent to the Downtown Berkeley BART Station and several AC Transit lines. This event is free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. For more information, call (510) 839-1608.

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

CALENDAR

September

Mon	12	7:00 PM	Board Meeting Howard's, 867 E Estates Drive, Cupertino 95014
Tues	20	7:00 PM	The Federal Role in Education - Linda Darling-Hammond Haymarket Theatre, Palo Alto High School 50 Embarcadero Road at El Camino Real, Palo Alto 94301
Wed	21	1:30 PM	Bay Area League - Senior Mobility Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley
Wed	28	10:00 AM or 7:00 PM	Consensus Meeting - Education Study Hollimon's 11155 La Paloma Drive, Cupertino 95014

October

Mon	10	7:00 PM	Candidate Forum - Cupertino City Council Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino 95014
Tue	11	7:00 PM	Candidate Forum - Sunnyvale School District School District Board Room 819 W Iowa Ave, Sunnyvale 94086
Mon	17	7:00 PM	Candidate Forum - Sunnyvale City Council Sunnyvale City Hall Council Chambers 456 W. Olive Ave, Sunnyvale 94086
Wed	26	10:00 AM or 7:00 PM	Consensus Meeting - Education Study Location TBD

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