



# VOTER

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### CANDIDATE FORUMS

Take these opportunities to hear the candidates and ask questions.

#### CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday October 10  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Cupertino Community Hall  
 10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino 95014

#### SUNNYVALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Date:** Tuesday October 11  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Sunnyvale School District Board Room  
 819 W Iowa Ave, Sunnyvale 94086

#### SUNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL

**Date:** Monday October 17  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Sunnyvale City Hall - Council Chambers  
 456 W. Olive Ave, Sunnyvale 94086

### LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale Board of Directors

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#### Off Board

Dues Secretary	Delores Carson
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### CONSENSUS MEETINGS

#### National Education Study of the Federal Role in Education

**Date:** Wednesday, October 26  
**Time:** 10:00 AM to Noon  
**Place:** Olsen's 611 Hubbard Avenue, Santa Clara 95051  
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**Date:** Wednesday, October 26  
**Time:** 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
**Place:** Olsen's 611 Hubbard Avenue, Santa Clara 95051  
 (Same program presented at each meeting)

This is the second of the two consensus meetings for the study of the Federal Role in Public Education. At this meeting we will address Equity and Funding, Early Childhood Education, and Children With Special Needs. To prepare for this meeting, please read the following to be found in the Special Edition of the VOTER mailed mid-September: *Equity and Funding* pp. 9-11, *Where Are We Now and the Impact Upon Early Childhood Education* pp. 12-13, and *Legislation and Funding for the Education of Children With Special Needs* pp. 14-16.

## COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

The presidents of the five Leagues in Santa Clara County meet bimonthly to address county-wide issues of interest to the League.

Sue Graham, LWV Los Altos/Mt. View, League observer of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), reported that at its August 23 meeting the Water District's board discussed its 2012 Meeting Compensation. The compensation per meeting has been seen as excessive by the media in the past. At \$286.03 per meeting and up to 10 meetings allowed a month, a board member can earn over \$30,000 a year. Two new board members placed an item on the agenda to roll back compensation to 2009 level of \$260.03. It was defeated with the four old board members voting no. The board did vote unanimously to not give themselves a raise this year.

Graham also reported on a budget adjustment of \$1,200,000 for the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant Incompatible Materials Project. Apparently the contractor laid the pipes for this project and then the Water District staff found out that the materials were incompatible. The contractor tried to remedy the situation but could not. Now the Water District will have to demolish 75% of the laid pipes and start again. The District will try to recover some of the money from the contractor's bonding company. A general description of what Santa Teresa does can be found at [http://www.valleywater.org/Services/Santa\\_TeresaWTP.aspx](http://www.valleywater.org/Services/Santa_TeresaWTP.aspx)

Graham states that her two main objectives in observing the SCVWD board is to watch for transparency and good governance by the board and to look at their budget to see if taxpayer's money is being well spent.

Other issues being watched by the County Council are the Lehigh Cement Plant and the Prisoner Release Program.

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## CAN YOU HELP?

Marilyn Howard, our Acting Voter Service Chair needs helpers at the candidate forums being held this month. Do you have two hours you can donate to the League? Can you read a stopwatch? Can you pass out and pick up cards for questions? Can you sort questions?

If you can do any one of these things, pick up the phone and call Marilyn Howard 408-255-0977 and volunteer.

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## SMART VOTER

Go to [smartvoter.org](http://smartvoter.org) for information on candidates and ballot measures.

### Board Briefs

At its September meeting, your board:

- appointed Roberta Hollimon to be the League's representative to the County Council of the Santa Clara County Leagues.
- heard a report on the "Apple Campus II" event.
- adopted the Nonpartisan Policy for the board.

### Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Sherry Howd, Andrew Kao, and Michael Lusk, and Dolly Sandoval.

Thank you for including a donation with your renewal: Harold Brown and Andrea Harris.

Thanks to Josephine Borucki for your donation to the League and to Norma Medlin for your contribution to the Community Appeal.

With this donation the Community Appeal has met and exceeded its goal of \$1,900.

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## LEAGUE NEWS

**National** – The UN General Assembly started its high level meetings on September 19th, but much behind the scenes work has already started in preparation of a very busy year. Rosalee Keech (unobserver@lww.org ) has been appointed as main UN Observer, replacing Doris Schapira who retired in the spring. UN alternates Margery Cohen, Mary Fox, Suzi Maltz and Nancy Lyman Orem are working together with Rosalee to increase women's leadership and participation in democratic political processes, further democracy around the world, prevent violence against women and girls, and promote environmental sustainability and limit climate change.

**State** - The first step in redistricting in California is complete: the work of drawing district lines is over, and we now move on to the next step - challenges to the maps.

The League of Women Voters is opposed to both of the referendums for which signatures are being gathered. We feel that the new process has been an overwhelming success and oppose the efforts to overturn the new maps.

## EDUCATION - WHOSE JOB IS IT??

San Jose/Santa Clara League of Women Voters  
Invite you to a Panel Discussion

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7:00 to 9:00 PM  
Oak Grove Room  
1290 Ridder Park Dr. San Jose, CA 95131

### Special Guest Dr. Chuck Weis Santa Clara County Superintendent of Education

#### Panel Participants:

**Frank Biehl**, Moderator

Eastside High School District School Board Member

**Dr. Lisa M. Gonzales**

Coordinator, Curriculum & Instruction Department of SCCOE

**Stephen McMahan**

SJUSD Teacher of the Year, Math teacher & S.J. Teacher Assoc.  
President

**Dr. John Porter**

Superintendent of Franklin McKinley School District

*Questions? Contact Roz Zisch, League Education Chair & VP  
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### 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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Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

### October

Tue	4	7:00- 9:00 PM	<b>Education Whose Job Is It?</b> Oak Grove Room 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose 95131
Mon	10	7:00 PM	<b>Candidate Forum - Cupertino City Council</b> Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino 95014
Tue	11	7:00 PM	<b>Candidate Forum - Sunnyvale School District</b> School District Board Room 819 W Iowa Ave, Sunnyvale 94086
Mon	17	7:00 PM	<b>Candidate Forum - Sunnyvale City Council</b> Sunnyvale City Hall Council Chambers 456 W. Olive Ave, Sunnyvale 94086
Tue	18	7:00 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b> Hollimon's 11155 La Paloma Drive, Cupertino 95014
Wed	26	10:00 AM or 7:00 PM	<b>Consensus Meeting - Education Study</b> Olsen's 611 Hubbard Avenue, Santa Clara 95051

## WHO REPRESENTS YOU

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