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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTS



Candidate Forums

Foothill-DeAnza Colleges Board of Trustees
 Sunday September 30, 3:45 PM
 Los Altos Public Library
 13 San Antonio Rd
 Los Altos 94022

Sponsored by LWV Los Altos/Mt View & Los Altos Public Library
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Santa Clara Board of Education, Trustee Area #1*
 Wednesday October 10 7:45 PM
 Crittenden Middle School
 1701 Rock Ave
 Mountain View

**Trustee Area #1 encompasses Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View and Sunnyvale*
Sponsored by LWV Los Altos/Mt View & Crittenden Middle School PTA
Cosponsored by LWV Palo Alto & LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale

Assembly District 24
 Richard Gordon
 Chengzhi "George" Yang

Monday October 15, 7:30 PM
 Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
 728 West Fremont Ave
 Sunnyvale 94087

Sponsored by LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale

Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees
 2 Seats
 Nancy Newton, Jeff Moe,
 Joseph Rosas

Thursday October 18, 7:00 PM
 FUHSD Office Board Room
 589 West Fremont Avenue
 Sunnyvale 94087

Sponsored by LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale

The September 28th forum for Assembly District 28 at Cupertino Community Hall has been canceled because one candidate is unable to attend.

All events are open to the public, free of charge, and conducted by the League of Women Voters.

Visit smartvoter.org for comprehensive election information.

See votersedge.org for financial information on campaigns.

Free copies of the **Easy Voter Guide** are available at public libraries.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Opportunities to help with election activities.

Have you ever wanted to be a moderator or timekeeper or questioner at a Candidate forum?

Or do you like to research propositions or maybe present the facts about propositions?

Or maybe you like to organize or schedule events.

A great way to learn is to attend and help at one of our events. We will also do a training at a mutually convenient time.

Please take a moment and go to our website at <http://www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org/calendar.html>

Here you will find when we are having our events. Please let me know which one or ones you'd like to attend.

In order to help educate the public, we need a larger team of volunteers. No matter how much or how little you'd like to do, we need your help.

Please contact Elaine Manley at elaine.manley@comcast.net to let us know what interests you the most.

VOTER SUPPRESSION: WHAT'S GOING ON IN CALIFORNIA?

We hear about voter ID as an issue, but that is an issue in other states more than in California. We have a related issue in California: voter intimidation. Voter intimidation is applying pressure to voters so that they either won't vote, or will vote in a way they otherwise wouldn't. It can involve people talking loudly at the polls, or otherwise creating a hostile atmosphere for voters. Voter intimidation occurred in some places in California in June, and we expect there will be more in November.

The LWV California is working with Election Protection to provide accurate information to all voters, and to monitor voter intimidation actions in the state. Local Leagues are encouraged to have the contact information (1-866-OUR-VOTE or 1-866-687-8683) for Election Protection available up to and especially on Election Day, so that you can either report possible voting issues yourself or refer people to Election Protection to report the problems themselves.

Board Briefs

At its August meeting, your board:

- Discussed development of a training session for forum moderators.
- Decided to have a Voter Registration table at Loehmann's Plaza in Sunnyvale on September 25, National Voter Registration Day.
- Canceled the forum for Assembly District 28 because one of the candidates was unable to attend.
- Decided that we do not have positions to either support or oppose Measure M El Camino Hospital District - Compensation.

Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Janet Bertaina, Suzanne Ford, Russ Howard, and Bev and Ric Olsen.

Thank you for including a donation with your dues: Harold Brown and Kirsten Holmquist.

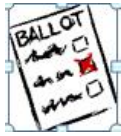
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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTS



Pros and Cons on Ballot Measures

League speakers will explain ballot measures and answer questions



Elaine Manley, left and Susan Hough prepare to tape a community access show on the elections for the League of Women Voters of Cupertino/Sunnyvale.

Tuesday October 2, 7:00 p.m.
Santa Clara Central Park Library
Cedar Room
2635 Homestead Road
Santa Clara 95050

Friday October 5, 2:00 p.m.
Atria Senior Living
175 E Remington Dr
Sunnyvale 94087

Sunday October 7, 7:00 PM
**Trinity Methodist/
St. John's Lutheran Church**
581 E. Fremont Avenue
Sunnyvale 94087

Monday October 8, 7:00 PM
Cupertino Library
10350 Torre Avenue
Cupertino 95014

Tuesday October 16, 7:30 PM
Congregation Beth David
19700 Prospect Road
Saratoga 95070

Monday October 22, 7:30 PM
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Room 501
728 West Fremont Avenue
Sunnyvale 94087

Tuesday October 23, 7:00 PM
Homestead High School
Auditorium
21370 Homestead Road
Sunnyvale 94087

Cablecast schedule for Pros and Cons video recorded by the Better Part, Cupertino:
Cupertino, Los Altos and Mountain View - Comcast Channel 15 Monday October 8, 4:30 PM
Cupertino AT&T Uverse 99 Monday October 8, 4:30 PM

Cupertino and Los Altos Comcast Channel 15 Tuesday October 9, 7 PM and Friday October 12, 7 PM



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
RECOMMENDS

November 6, 2012 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

PROP 30	Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act	YES
PROP 31	Government Performance and Accountability Act	NO
PROP 32	Special Exemptions Act	NO
PROP 34	SAFE California Act	YES
PROP 40	Referendum on Redistricting	YES
PROP 38	Tax for Education and Early Childhood Programs	NEUTRAL
PROP 39	Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses	NEUTRAL

The League has not studied the issues in the following measures, and so has **no recommendation** on **Proposition 33** (Auto Insurance Rates), **Proposition 35** (Human Trafficking), **Proposition 36** (Three Strikes Reform), and **Proposition 37** (Genetically Engineered Foods).

VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER 6!

LUNCH WITH LEAGUE

Thursday October 18, 11:30 AM
Bella Mia Restaurant
58 South First Street, San Jose 95113

San Jose/Santa Clara League presents retired professor Terry Christianson who will speak on the **California Initiative and Referendum**.

This is an excellent opportunity to acquire background information for the update of our Initiative and Referendum position.

Lunch choices include walnut chicken salad, turkey croissant sandwich, margherita sandwich (tomatoes, mozzarella, basil and balsamic vinegar), eggplant parmesan and linguini piccata, with or without chicken.

Cost \$16 pay at the door.
RSVP with lunch choice to
rbhollimon@comcast.net

THE JOBS, HOUSING, TRAFFIC AND TRAFFIC CONNECTION

Vu-Bang Nguyen, Land Use and Housing Coordinator for Urban Habitat, shows how the shortage of housing and lack of quality transit near job centers results in long commutes, congestion, social equity issues and environmental harm and offers solutions.

Discussion to follow. Snacks provided.

Thursday, October 18; 7-8:30 PM;
Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum
570 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale, CA
<http://www.heritageparkmuseum.org/>

Hosted by Sunnyvale Cool

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LEAGUE NEWS

National – “Groups race against time to get Florida voters registered,” was widely carried by media outlets: “Elisabeth MacNamara, president of the League of Women Voters, said 30 local chapters are registering voters in Florida, trying to make up for lost time. ... ‘They are targeting under-served communities,’ she said. ‘They’re working at bus stops, community colleges, baseball games, naturalization ceremonies and other events.’”

State - The LWVC announced grant funding available for local Leagues to produce public forums about the role of money in federal, state or local politics. The purpose of these grants is to promote citizen awareness of money in politics with a focus on finding solutions to the problems our communities see in the current situation. Funding has been provided through the generous support of individual League members.

DRAMATIC NEW “NEXT GENERATION” DESIGN DEBUTS ON OCTOBER 1, 2012



A revolutionary experience is waiting for you at **Smart Voter’s brand new Next Generation website!** You can go to the special web address of <http://m.smartvoter.org> starting on **October 1 (please, not before!)** to check it out. This cutting-edge update of the League’s award-winning service sports a new streamlined look and an array of feature stories that changes every day. The many enhanced features are especially helpful for the quick information needs and small touch screens of smartphone and tablet owners -- but promise to be fun and interesting for desktop and laptop computer users as well. Get together with your friends and compare the appearance of the Next Generation site – its exact layout will depend on the size of the screen and type of device each of you is using.

Announced at last year’s state League Convention in Ventura and years in planning, the **Next Generation** site addresses dramatic changes in the way that the public now accesses and uses information on the Internet. According to national market analyses and surveys, a majority of the computer devices now being purchased are smartphones and tablets rather than desktop or laptop computers, and a rapidly increasing proportion of voters are relying primarily on such mobile devices to get information on politics and elections.

For this November’s election, **Smart Voter** will be available to California voters in both its traditional format and the new **Next Generation** design. For future elections, the state League will expand the capabilities, features and innovative content of the versatile **Next Generation** site. If you have questions, comments or suggestions regarding it, please email ca-director@smartvoter.org. Click the “More” button on the new site to sign up for the Smart Voter newsletter, like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and receive our latest update.

*Ernie Ting, Senior Director, Smart Voter,
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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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_____ \$30 Student	City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
_____ Contribution \$ _____	
Phone(s): _____	Email(s): _____

Membership checks are made out to “LWVCS” and are not tax-deductible. Donations to “LWVCS” are also non-deductible.

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

CALENDAR

October

Mon	8	7:00 pm	Board Meeting Burnett's 729 Stendhal Lane, Cupertino 95014
Tue	9	1:00 pm	Initiative and Referendum Study Committee Burnett's 729 Stendhal Lane, Cupertino 95014
Thu	18	11:30 am	Lunch With League Bella Mia Restaurant 58 South First Street, San Jose 95113
Thu	18	7:00 pm	The Jobs, Housing Traffic and Traffic Connection Sunnyvale heritage Park Museum 570 E Remington Drive, Sunnyvale 95087

See page 1 for **Candidate Forums** and page 3 for **Pros and Cons Presentations**.

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