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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
RECOMMENDS
 November 6, 2012 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).

See the September VOTER for background on these recommendations.

RETHINKING PARKING

Thursday, November 8, 7- 8:30 PM
 Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum
 770 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale

Brian Canepa, Principal at Nelson\Nygaard Transportation Consulting, brings an analytical eye to parking practices that so often go unexamined.

- How have parking practices shaped our cities and transportation choices? How much does parking really cost?
- What are the trade-offs in providing too much or too little parking?
- How can parking requirements be set based on empirical data?
- What are other cities doing to update parking practices and what are the results?
- What strategies and policies can be considered to make parking requirements more flexible?

Snacks provided. No charge.

This free presentation is made possible by a generous grant from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Hosted by SunnyvaleCool.org. Co-sponsored by Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, Transform, Transition Silicon Valley, Greenbelt Alliance.

Registration requested: <http://sunnyvalecool2.eventbrite.com/#>

Board Briefs

At its August meeting, your board:

- Learned that the LWV Santa Clara County Council will recommend that a workshop on moderating candidate forums will be held at the state convention.
- Heard that voter registration tables were staffed by League members at three locations.
- Were informed that students from a Homestead High School Debate class will help with the candidate forum for the Fremont Union High School Board of Trustees.

Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Pat Castillo and Flo Stafford.

Thank you for including a donation with your renewal: Elaine and Scott Manley and Carol Weiss.

Thank you for your donations: Frances McDonald and Jack Walker.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale require that the members be given a financial report once a year within five months of the end of the fiscal year. We operate on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. Following is a report of the Assets and Liabilities of the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale as of June 30, 2012. This financial report has not been reviewed.

League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale Assets & Liabilities on June 30, 2012

	General Fund	Education Fund	GF & EF
<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Fund	3,825.12	0.00	3,825.12
Permanent Reserves Fund	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Board Discretionary Fund	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Education Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,668.05</u>	<u>1,668.05</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,325.12	\$1,668.05	\$8,993.17
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Payments to LWVUS & LWVC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Bills	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>NET WORTH</u>			
Net Worth on 6/30/2011	6,455.88	1,918.19	8,374.07
Revenue-Expenditures	<u>869.24</u>	<u>(250.14)</u>	<u>619.10</u>
CURRENT NET WORTH	\$7,325.12	\$1,668.05	\$8,993.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	\$7,325.12	\$1,668.05	\$8,993.17

Cash in Bank Accounts June 30, 2012

Checking Account	\$3,818.80	\$140.00	\$3,958.80
Savings Account	3,506.32		3,506.32
LWVC Education Fund Account		1,528.05	1,528.05

Questions about the Financial Report should be directed to the Treasurer, Roberta Hollimon, rbhollimon@comcast.net.

A Message from Elisabeth McNamara, President LWVUS

October 25, 2012

Dear [Leaguers],

Hard as it is to believe, Election Day is less than two weeks away. There is a lot at stake in this election, and the best news for voters is the hard work that the League is doing to make sure that every eligible voter has free and fair access to the polls.

It is also hard to believe that the national Board is meeting this weekend in Washington to start looking beyond this election. One thing we already know for sure: voting and voting rights will continue to be an issue. Thanks to concerted efforts by the League, many bad election laws are on hold for this election. That is good news for voters, but continued vigilance on the part of the League will be needed not just to finish the fight on these laws in the long run, but to ensure that voters have accurate information as they go to the polls in the short run.

To this end, between now and the Election we will be communicating with editorial writers nationwide to stress the importance of providing good, reliable election information to voters, especially given changes in the election process that will impact voters in many states. We will be asking them to devote space to what the public needs to know and do in order to be ready to vote on Election Day and pointing them to...[a] trusted source of election information, the League of Women Voters. We will be sure to direct them to contact Leagues if they have

questions, so we ask all of you be on the lookout for media inquiries in the coming days.

As we head into the final stretch, each of us can do our own get-out-the-vote campaign by reminding those around us to go vote and to help those around us to get the kind of accurate, fact-based information that only the League can provide.

In League together making democracy work,

Elisabeth

CEQA: DODGING A BULLET

The League has supported the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) since it first became law in California in 1969. CEQA requires state and local agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and then act to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible.

CEQA came under a significant attack in the just finished legislative session. While supporters successfully defended against significant weakening of this important law, it is clear that the attack will continue in the legislature next year. CEQA supporters are gathering a group to consider what changes to CEQA would be acceptable and to develop an action plan. We would like to have the League be a part of this group. If you are interested in working with other League members to make the League voice heard in this debate, please contact Helen Hutchison, hhutchison@lwvc.org.

LWVC Update, September 2012

**The League of Women Voters of Southwest
Santa Clara Valley**

presents:

**California Prison Realignment Program:
How Is It Impacting Santa Clara County?**

Sheila Mitchell

Chief Probation Officer of Santa Clara County

Tuesday, November 20, 7- 9pm

Saratoga Library

13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga

For more information contact: Joan Sarlo
408-379-2185, joansarlo@sbcglobal.net

**The Peninsula Chapter of the World Affairs
Council and the Los Altos Public Library**

Present

**“Islam and Muslim Integration in
America and Europe”**

Patricia Nabti

Visiting Lecturer at Stanford and Founder/Director of
the Learning to Care Institute
will discuss basic tenets and character of Islam and
challenges as Muslims become increasingly
significant participants in Western communities.

Wednesday, December 5

7:00 pm, Refreshments; 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Program

Los Altos Library Program Room

13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos

Free and open to the public. Info - call 650-941-8190

LEAGUE NEWS

National – Voter Suppression Issues Make Their Way to the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for voters in Ohio to cast ballots on the three days before Election Day. In Arizona, the Court has agreed to hear arguments related to proof of citizenship and registration.

State - LWVC has submitted the paperwork to LWVUS to make the LWV Antelope Valley Members At Large (MAL) Unit to become the newest League in California.

Bay Area - The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area will hold its annual Bay Area League Day forum on Saturday, February 2, 2013, from 9 a.m. To 2 p.m. In the First Unitarian Church of Oakland at 685 14th Street in Oakland. The topic for this event will be water. For more information, call 510-287-1109.

COMING SOON: THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA-- UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Held in May in odd-numbered years, the 2013 state league convention will be held in Santa Clara County in a wonderful, intimate location: the Hayes Mansion in San Jose. This becomes a special opportunity for local League members. With only a short drive south, you can watch the League in action, hear inspiring speakers and help make it all happen.

We'll keep you abreast of the plans, programs and activities in the next seven months and ask for your participation to make this a successful gathering. As you know, the LWV is a frugal organization—we don't pay for anything that we can get for free! And, the League convention is no exception. Lots of volunteers are needed to make it happen. Local members from all the Santa Clara County Leagues will check in registrants, welcome visitors, assist with programs, and help in lots of other ways. Stay tuned to find out how YOU can participate—AND enjoy the benefits of this nearby event!

Mary Jo Levy, Palo Alto Liaison to the convention Steering Committee

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

Address: _____

_____ \$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

November

Thu	8	7:00 pm	Rethink Parking Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum 570 E Remington Drive, Sunnyvale 95087
Mon	12	7:00 pm	Board Meeting Burnett's 729 Stendhal Lane, Cupertino 95014
Wed	14	1:00 pm	Initiative and Referendum Study Committee Burnett's 729 Stendhal Lane, Cupertino 95014
Tue	20	7-9 pm	California Prison Realignment Program Saratoga Library 13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga

December

Wed	5	7:30-9 pm	Islam and Muslim Integration in America and Europe Los Altos Library Program room 13 S. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos
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