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# ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 4

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### VOTE WITH LEAGUE

#### STATE MEASURES

<b>PROP 2</b>	<b>Rainy Day Fund—State Budget Reserves</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>PROP 47</b>	<b>Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act</b>	<b>YES</b>

#### LOCAL MEASURES

<b>MEASURE J</b>	<b>Fremont Union High School District Parcel Tax</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>MEASURE K</b>	<b>Fremont Union High School District Bond Measure</b>	<b>YES</b>

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our League was very busy with **voter service** activities this past month. Many thanks to those who organized and worked at our events.

**Suzanne Ford** organized a **voter registration** event at the Sunnyvale Library on National Voter Registration Day, September 23. She was assisted by **Pete Botsworth** and **Dorothy Givens**. They registered 24 new voters and Suzanne was interviewed by NBC TV.

Our League participated in the Cupertino Library's anniversary celebration. The theme was the Dewey decimal system and **Marilyn Howard** and **Kathi Turner** staffed booth 300, that being the designation for government. They distributed Smart Voter bookmarks and Easy Voter Guide in three languages and answered questions about voting.

There were over 50 people attending each of the candidate forums we held for **Cupertino Union School District Board of Trustees**, and **Superior Court Judge Office 24** on Monday the 13th, and **Cupertino City Council** on Thursday the 16th. The forums were sponsored by **LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale** and cosponsors **Asian, Pacific Islander, American Public Affairs (APAPA)** and **PTA**. Those helping with the forums were: timers **Serge Rudaz** and **Harold Brown**, question sorters, **Andrea Harris** and **Michael Lusk**; question card distributors **Delores Carson** and **Suzanne Ford**; lobby tables manager **Marilyn Howard**; sign poster **Russ Howard**; and moderator **Roberta Hollimon**. **Andrea Harris** helped with publicity by distributing flyers.

Between the two of them, **Susan Hough** and **Michael Lusk** gave **21 Pros and Cons** presentations with a total of more than 600 in attendance. **Judi Pogue** did the scheduling of the presentations. **Susan** also videotaped the presentations for the state League to be broadcast statewide.

Our webmaster, **Bruce Kendall**, kept the League website calendar updated with dates of candidate forums and pros and cons presentations.

Smart Voter liaison, **Jason Spiller**, was able to get 12 of the 14 candidates for which we were responsible, to put their information on **Smart Voter**.

Thanks to these 15 members for volunteering and working to provide services to voters. It takes a village...

*Roberta*

## JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Juvenile Justice committee of the LWV Santa Clara County Council is planning a forum to be held in the spring focusing on the Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice system's programs/services to families and children focusing on current issues/challenges.

We need a member of our League to serve on this committee. If this is your interest write to me at [president@cs.ca.lwvnet.org](mailto:president@cs.ca.lwvnet.org)

*Roberta*

## Board Briefs

At its October meeting your board:

- Learned that 85% of members have renewed their membership. Board members will continue to contact those who have not yet renewed.
- Heard a report on planned Voter Service activities. (See President's Message on left for results of that planning.)
- Decided to have a Holiday Party in December and a Program Planning meeting in January.
- Placed on hold the directions to the board from Annual Meeting for discussion at the January board meeting

## HIGHER EDUCATION

The state study of Public Higher Education in California is moving ahead. The state study committee has established the overarching scope of Accessibility including:

- Funding
- Affordability
- Preparedness
- Equity
- Opportunities and barriers to success

Our League is forming a study committee, which will start meeting in January, to review study material and present it to members for consensus.

We have someone who will be co-chair if we can find another co-chair. We are also looking for 4 or 5 committee members.

Let me know if you are interested.

*Roberta*  
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## LEAGUE NEWS

**National** – League Urges U.S. Senate to Improve Ethics Process. The League joined coalition partners on a letter urging the U.S. Senate to publicly endorse, in a bipartisan manner, five constructive changes to improve the Senate ethics process.

**State** - Who Will You Vote For on November 4? Watch Free Airtime Candidate Videos.

Learn more about the candidates running for statewide office this election. Check out our playlist of video interviews done in partnership with The California Channel on the Free Airtime Project.

You will hear from candidates vying for:

- California State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- California State Controller's Office-Insurance Commissioner
- State Board of Equalization
- Supreme Court Justices
- Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District

View the videos at:<http://bit.ly/FreeAirTimeProjectInterviews>.

## HOW WILL YOU VOTE? IMPORTANT INFO TO HELP YOU DECIDE

### Vote-by-Mail Ballots - How to Do It Right

If you've already received your vote-by-mail ballot, make sure to fill it out, sign it, and mail it back in time for it to arrive by Election Day on November 4. You can also drop off your ballot at any polling place in your county on Election Day.

For more information about voting by mail and to download a toolkit to help assist voters with casting a timely and valid vote-by-mail ballot, visit the LWVC Education Fund website.

### Introducing Voter's Edge!

Smart Voter and MapLight have launched a comprehensive, nonpartisan online voting guide called Voter's Edge, a one-stop shop for information on California elections, including funding sources. Go to [smartvoter.org](http://smartvoter.org), enter your home address and instantly see your personalized ballot and polling place!

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## OTHER ELECTION RESOURCES

To see videos of the Cupertino School District, Cupertino City Council and Judge Office #24 forums go to [smartvoter.org](http://smartvoter.org), click on a candidate for one of these offices, click on events, and then click on "Video of ..."

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

The City of Cupertino presents *Meet the Candidates*, two minute speeches by candidates for Cupertino City Council on the government channel and City website.

## 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

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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

Mon 10 7:30 PM

Board Meeting

TBD

## WHO REPRESENTS YOU

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**FIRST CLASS**

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