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## Member Consensus Discussion: MONEY IN POLITICS

Saturday • January 23, 2016 • 9:30 am – noon

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
728 W Fremont Ave • Room 702

**All League Members Welcome!**  
R.S.V.P. appreciated, but not required:  
[league@cs.ca.lwvnet.org](mailto:league@cs.ca.lwvnet.org)

Please read the [discussion questions](#) in advance  
<http://lwvnet.org/ca/cs/files/Qs-MoneyInPolitics.pdf>

This meeting is part of a nationwide effort to update the LWV's position on campaign finance. Members will discuss a set of questions developed by the national study committee to explore areas of agreement among League members.

It is helpful to read the [discussion questions](#) in advance. Then, come to the meeting ready to speak your mind and listen to others, as we seek to elucidate the consensus among our members.

By participating in this discussion, you will be contributing to a grassroots process central to the LWV and its reputation for quality work on public policy.

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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As I write this message, I’m in the middle of holiday preparations, getting ready for family gatherings. It’s hard to focus on the League’s next year when this one is not yet complete. But we do need to look ahead. What is in store for our League in the coming year?

In January we have our Money in Politics consensus meeting. What do you think should be the League’s position on regulating campaign donations and expenditures? Review the background material and come and join the discussion. See page 1 for details.

In early February we will engage in Program Planning. This is the time we look at what we want to do for the next year or two. We have heard from LWVUS and LWV Bay Area that they feel they don’t need any new studies so unless someone has a burning desire to request a study, we are free to work on local issues.

I don’t know yet what March and April will bring but in May and June we will have LWV Bay Area and LWVUS conventions and our Annual Meeting.

Returning from the future to today, right now we are transitioning the delivery of our online VOTER from attaching it to the email message to giving you a link to our website where you can not only read the current VOTER but also past VOTERs. No longer do you need to download the VOTER and then put it in a folder on your computer for future reference, all past VOTERs are available on our website. This month, while making the change, we will both attach the VOTER and give you the link but next month only the link. Try using it.

On a personal note, I couldn’t resist sharing the picture on the opposite page. I wanted to call it “Where’s Waldo, can you find the Secretary of State?” Spoiler alert, the answer is in the caption to the left.

*Roberta*

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## Community Appeal

Thanks to Jacquelyn Hall for her donation to the Community Appeal.

### Opportunities for Involvement

- Attend the “Money in Politics” consensus meeting January 23.
- Mark your calendars for Program Planning on Saturday, February 6.
- Volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee. Help form the board that will be elected at Annual Meeting in June and start serving in July.

### Board Briefs

At its December meeting: your board:

- Discussed Voter Service activities for 2016 including pros and cons of ballot measures and candidate forums.
- Heard that the Sunnyvale Group is considering holding a public meeting in Spring.
- Made plans for the Money in Politics consensus meeting.

### Member News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Autumn Bea and Sherry Howd.

### In Memoriam

We sadly report the death of two of our long-time members, Evelyn Lundstrom and LaVerne Prentice.

Evelyn was a founding member of our League. She had been a member of LWV Central Santa Clara County and joined LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale when it was formed. She served as president and for many years she was our dues secretary, renewing memberships and keeping in touch with our members. Many enjoyed getting little notes from her on their renewal notices.

LaVerne joined our League shortly after it formed. She served on the board for many years and until recently she proofread and processed the printed VOTER.

They will be missed.

## LEAGUE NEWS

**National** – LWVUS joined a letter with other organizations from across the country urging Congress to reject amendments to the FY 2016 Budget that would undermine the EPA's Clean Water Rule.

**State** - At the recent Secretary of State's New Law Workshop for Registrars of Voters, the LWVC Education Fund presented award certificates to the 25 Registrars of Voters of counties that participate in Smart Voter. Not only did the Registrars step forward but their staffs wanted to join in too. Looks like everyone wants to be part of Smart Voter.

## SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITIES GIVE GREEN LIGHT TO GREENER GRID

The City Councils of Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Morgan Hill have each voted unanimously to join the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCEA), a new nonprofit public agency that will offer clean energy alternatives for residents and businesses in participating communities across Santa Clara County. Through these three agencies' actions, the Authority may now be established to operate as the Community Choice Energy (CCE) program to serve our region. The remaining nine agencies participating in the project must decide to join the Authority by March 31st, 2016. Service could start as early as the winter of 2017.

## BAY AREA LEAGUE DAY

On Saturday, February 6, the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area will host its annual Bay Area League Day. Entitled "Reinventing Bay Area Transportation for the 21st Century," this year's event will feature keynote speaker Jim Beall, chair of the California State Senate's Committee on Transportation and Housing.

For the first time ever, League Day will be held in Maple Hall Community Center at 13831 San Pablo Avenue in the City of San Pablo. Located at Alvarado Square inside the City Hall complex, the venue is served by AC Transit bus routes 72 and 76, and features onsite parking.

Registrars of Voters and members of their staffs receive Smart Voter awards. Secretary of State, Alex Padilla is second row center.



## 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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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 "LWVC Education Fund."

## CALENDAR

### January

- Mon 11 7:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**  
Hollimons  
11155 La Paloma Drive  
Cupertino 95014
- Sat 23 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Money in Politics**  
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
Coleman Rm 702  
728 W Fremont Ave  
Sunnyvale 94087

### February

- Sat 6 10:00 a.m. **Program Planning**  
Location TBD

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