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# Sunnyvale City Council Candidate Forum

**Tuesday July 19, 2016**

**7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Sunnyvale City Hall**

**456 W. Olive Ave • Council Chambers**



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Off Board	
Pros and Cons	Scheduling
	Judi Pogue
Voter Registration	Suzanne Ford

**Candidates in the August 16, 2016 Special Election,  
vying for a four-month term in Council seat 4:**

**John Cordes • Larry Klein • Stephen Williams**

## Other Resources

- For an introduction to the candidates and background on this special election, see The Sunnyvale Sun, 7/1/2016, page 6. <http://www.ifoldsflip.com/i/699132-july-01-2016/6?m4=>
- Visit [www.VotersEdge.org/ca](http://www.VotersEdge.org/ca) starting mid-July for comprehensive coverage of this election, including video links, campaign finance information, news articles, and more.

## The Cupertino-Sunnyvale VOTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I appreciate the opportunity to serve again as President of our League. I'm delighted to report that this Board is dedicated to increasing our membership and delivering quality voter service programs to our communities. We have been strategizing what we want to accomplish over this next year and beyond under the expertise of Marieann Shovlin. Her pleasant and professional nature has brought out the best in us and helped us create our vision. The 2016 election is the largest one yet for our group. We'll have many candidate forums as well as pro/con meetings on the ballot measures. We would greatly appreciate your help whether it's volunteering to contact other organizations that you belong to and invite them to attend our events, doing publicity or even helping at the events themselves. Please let us know what you'd like to do by sending an email to [league@cs.ca.lwvnet.org](mailto:league@cs.ca.lwvnet.org).

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Elaine*

## BOARD PLANNING PROCESS

Marieann Shovlin volunteered to facilitate a strategic planning project for our League. We've had two meetings so far and are well into the process. The Board as well as Roberta Hollimon and Judy Pogue have all banded together to identify specific areas to focus on to expand our League and provide great voter services to our local communities. You will be hearing more about this over the next 12 months as we progress through it. We are grateful for all her time and effort in helping us.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

- **Register Voters and recruit new members** - We have a booth at the Sunnyvale State of the City event on Saturday July 9, 10 - 3 and will be registering voters and encouraging people to join the League. To sign up to volunteer, please send an email stating when you can help to [league@cs.ca.lwvnet.org](mailto:league@cs.ca.lwvnet.org).
- **Promote LWV Voter Services** - Share this flyer about the City Council Candidate Forum on 7/19 with your neighbors, friend, or colleagues living in Sunnyvale. Click on the following URL to download the flyer. <http://cs.ca.lwvnet.org/files/ForumFlyer2-2016July19.pdf>
- **Help with Candidate Forums** - We will need workers for both the 7/19 forum and the fall forums. Let Linda Davis, [davislindar@yahoo.com](mailto:davislindar@yahoo.com), 408-737-1033, know what you are willing to do.

### Board Briefs

At its June special meeting your board:

- Designated the following to be members of the Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Webmaster.

### Election Night Workers

Thanks to Susan Hough, Roberta Hollimon, and Jason Spiller for working at the office of the Registrar of Voters on election night processing ballots. They donated their "pay" to our League.

### Community Appeal

Thank you for your contributions to the Community Appeal: Janet Bertaina, Kirsten Holmquist, and Jack Walker.

### In Memoriam

It is with sadness we report the passing of James Medlin, husband of long-time member, Norma Medlin.

## 2016 LWVCS ANNUAL MEETING



Incoming president, Elaine Manley, left and outgoing president, Roberta Hollimon

At the June 4, 2016 Annual Meeting members elected a new Board of Directors (see side panel on page 1), and adopted a budget that included an increase in membership dues to \$70 per year. It was noted that this is our League's first increase since 2008 and will put our dues on par with neighboring Leagues. Most importantly, the new dues rate will cover the increasing cost of our Per Member Payments to upper levels of League.

Members at the meeting voted to retain all existing county and local League positions. There were no proposals for emphasis on local issues this year, due to our heavy workload on election services.

Special recognition was given to Roberta Hollimon who is leaving our Board after decades of service and moving on to chair the Council of the five Leagues in Santa Clara County.

Incoming President, Elaine Manley, appealed to the entire membership to participate this election season and help make democracy work.



Treasurer Serge Rudaz presents the Financial Report

## SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY

Following Annual meeting, members heard from Misty Mersich, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Cupertino speak about Community Clean Energy which will come to Cupertino and Sunnyvale in 2017. The Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority, a non-profit organization, allows municipalities to purchase renewable or low greenhouse gas-emitted energy at rates that are competitive with PG&E. The Authority uses PG&E infrastructure to deliver energy and billing is through PG&E. Customers have the option to opt out of the plan. To see a six minute video of the program, click on this URL.

[http://www.svcleanenergy.org/app\\_pages/view/155#Video](http://www.svcleanenergy.org/app_pages/view/155#Video)



Speaker, Misty Mersich

### 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.

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To make a tax-deductible donation, write a separate check to "LWVC Education Fund."

## CALENDAR

### July

- Wed 6 7:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**  
Sunnyvale Toyota  
898 W El Camino Real  
Sunnyvale 94087
- Sat 9 10:00 p.m. **Sunnyvale - State of the City**  
Civic Center  
456 W. Olive  
Sunnyvale 94086
- Tue 19 7:00 p.m. **Candidate Forum -  
Sunnyvale City Council**  
456 W. Olive  
Sunnyvale 94086

### August

- Wed 6 7:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**  
Sunnyvale Toyota  
898 W El Camino Real  
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