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BE AN INFORMED VOTER

The League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale is sponsoring a series of events to help voters learn about candidates and measures on their November 8, 2016 ballot. Our first events are listed below. More will follow in October.

Candidate Forums

Meet the candidates and hear them respond to questions from the public. Send your questions for forums to CandidateQuestions@cs.ca.lwvnet.org.

Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m.
Cupertino Union School District
Fremont Union High School District
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Ave • Cupertino

Monday, September 26, 7 p.m.
Cupertino City Council
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Ave • Cupertino

Read about City Council candidates at cupertino.org/index.aspx?Page=128.

Local Ballot Measures Pro & Con

Send questions on local measures to MeasureQuestions@cs.ca.lwvnet.org.

Wednesday, September 28, 7 p.m.
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Ave • Cupertino
Covers county and Cupertino measures.

Wednesday, October 5, 7p.m.
Sunnyvale Public Library
665 W. Olive Ave • Sunnyvale
Covers county and Sunnyvale measures.

State Ballot Propositions Pro & Con

Hear non-biased, plain-language explanations of the 17 propositions, including likely effects and what supporters and opponents are saying.

Saturday, September 17, 2-3 pm
Fairbrae Club
696 Sheraton • Sunnyvale

Wednesday, September 21, 7-9 pm
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Ave • Cupertino

Thursday, September 22, 7:30-8:30 pm

Congregation Beth David
19700 Prospect Rd • Saratoga

Check the calendar at www.lwvcs.org for more LWV events.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September is member renewal month for our League. You will receive our renewal packet around the first part of September. We would greatly appreciate you renewing quickly. You are a valued member whether you donate money or time. Of course, we need both and ask that you consider helping as much as you can this election season. Also, please consider looking through your Facebook and LinkedIn contacts and invite people you think might be interested in being a part of our voter service organization. You can refer them to lwvcs.org which is our new website address. The other address cs.ca.lwvnet.org also works but this new one is easier to remember. Thank you in advance for helping us expand at this critical time.

We are preparing for the upcoming November election now. We will host several forums for Candidates as well as Pro/Con Ballot presentations.

Linda Davis will be sending an online survey about "one-time" jobs. Please take a few minutes and complete the survey. I find participating in our forums is my favorite part of democracy. Whether it's hearing candidates explain how they would improve our area or hearing what the ballot measures are really about and the pros and cons, our League does a tremendous job in voter education. Join in the fun.

This is the time when your help is really needed. Please consider doing one or more things:

1. Come to at least one forum and bring a friend or two.
2. Help at an event.
3. Tell other people about our LWV candidate forums and ballot measure presentations by talking with them or emailing our announcements.
4. Promote and use our website, lwvcs.org to find election events and other LWV related information.
5. Promote and use votersedge.org/ca which will have a significant amount of Candidate and Ballot information starting the last part of September.

We have a great team of talented members working hard under the direction of Linda Davis and Susan Hough but we could definitely use more help.

I look forward to reconnecting with you soon.

Elaine

CORRECTION

The article about the Annual Meeting on page 3 of the previous VOTER misreported some actions. A revised Summer 2016 VOTER may be accessed from the webpage of our archived issues: cs.ca.lwvnet.org/VOTER.html.

Board Briefs

At its July and August board meetings your board:

- Approved County Council support of the two Santa Clara County ballot measures - the Affordable Housing Bond Measure (Measure A) and the VTA Transportation Measure (Measure B).
- Debriefed on the July 19th candidate forum in Sunnyvale for the special election on August 16th.
- Learned we have a new domain name: lwvcs.org, which redirects to cs.ca.lwvnet.org.
- Heard that various election related events are being organized.

Member News

Welcome new members
Susan Bremond and Marilyn Sherry.

Community Appeal

Thank you for your contribution to the Community Appeal: Anita and Alan Herrmann.

Opportunities for Involvement

Members: Please fill out the survey you'll soon receive by email. It will ask you about one-shot jobs at our many election-related events. Most of these jobs take just a few hours. Your help would really make a difference!

Commonwealth Club Presents
**ELECTION 2016 POLITICAL
ROUNDTABLE:**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
A WEEK TO WEEK SPECIAL

Panelists:

- Lanhee J. Chen, David and Diane Steffy Research Fellow, Hoover Institution;
- Larry Gerston, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, San Jose State University; Political Analyst, NBC Bay Area;
- Barbara Marshman, Editorial Page Editor, Mercury News
- John Zipperer – VP of Media & Editorial, Commonwealth Club (moderator)

Location: Recital Hall, Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real

To receive a special discounted rate of \$5, enter the promotional code VOTE (case sensitive) at check out.

BUY TICKETS>>

www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2016-09-13/election-2016-political-roundtable-week-week-special

Join our panelists for informative and engaging commentary on political and other major news, audience discussion of the week's events, and our live news quiz!

SUFA (Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates)

**SUNNYVALE TREES –
STATE OF THE URBAN FOREST**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016, 3 p.m.
SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
665 W. OLIVE AVE, SUNNYVALE, 94086

Speaker: Leonard Dunn
Urban Landscape Manager, Street Tree Services, Parks Division of Sunnyvale

Maybe you've wondered about the trees in Sunnyvale. For example, how many trees do we have altogether in the city? How many street trees are there? What is the overall canopy cover in the city? Is it increasing or decreasing? What types of trees are being planted? Are we changing from the trees that were planted 60 years ago? Where is the oldest tree in the city? How do the trees cope with the drought? Does urban forest just mean trees?

And

Candidates' Forum

SUFA has also invited the candidates running for City Council in November to speak on their platform for the urban forest. They will be given equal time to present their ideas and then the audience will be allowed time to ask questions of the candidates.

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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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

September

Wed	7	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting Sunnyvale Toyota 898 W El Camino Real, Sunnyvale
Sat	17	2-3 p.m.	State Ballot Propositions Pro & Con Fairbrae Club 696 Sheraton, Sunnyvale
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