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ELECTION DAY

Tuesday November 8, 2016



**Haven't Voted Yet? Need Information?
The League is here to help.**

Visit the following League websites to find all the information you need to cast an informed vote.

Voter's Edge

<http://votersedge.org/ca>

- Use your address to get a personalized ballot.
- Get information on candidates, measures, who supports them, and funding.
- Keep track of your choices and use them to vote.



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Easy Voter Guide

<http://www.easyvoterguide.org>

Easy-to-read ballot measure and election information for new and busy voters.



Videos

<http://videos.lwvcs.org>

Videos of candidate forums and pros and cons of ballot measures

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<https://lwvc.org/>

The League's recommendations on ballot measures.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an election season this has been! Our Voter Service team has put in a tremendous number of hours and delivered a fantastic array of educational events from Pro/Con presentations to Candidate Forums and even a class at the Library on how to navigate the internet to find quality information about the ballot contents. Please continue to send links about votersedge.org and lwvcs.org to your friends and neighbors to help them as they finalize their ballot decisions. A big thank you to Linda Davis and Susan Hough as they have worked extremely hard to bring these quality events to our community. We're in the early stages of planning a celebration in December. Please take any opportunity you have to personally thank them and the rest of the team for their efforts. Watch for our announcement of the date in the next newsletter.

Serge Rudaz has worked tirelessly as our Treasurer and has provided the Financial Report for last fiscal year in this newsletter. Please be sure to review his report.

Thank you for being part of a group that helps keep our democracy working. We appreciate all our members and hope to increase our membership as people see the value of the services we provide. Ask your friends and neighbors if they'd like to join, especially if they make a comment about how the event or video benefited them.

Elaine

SAVE THESE DATES

Bay Area League Day - focus on housing. January 29, 2017

LWV California Convention June 1-4, 2017

LOOKING FORWARD

The next issue of the VOTER will include an extensive wrap-up of our Voter Service activities. Watch for it.

Board Briefs

The October Board Meeting occurs after the deadline for this issue. News of that meeting will be included in next month's Board Briefs.

Member News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Jane Kroll, Holly Lofgren, Kathi and Terry Turner.

Thank you for including a donation with your dues: Joyce Bartlett, Patricia Boyle, and Dorothy Normark.

Opportunities for Involvement

The Registrar of Voters needs election day poll workers. To apply go to www.sccgov.org and click on "Volunteer."

If you want, you can donate your "pay" to the League. Just fill in League of Women Voters - Cupertino-Sunnyvale, PO Box 2923, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-0923 on the volunteer form.

HOW TO EVALUATE BALLOT MEASURES

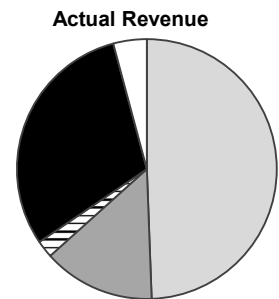
- Examine what the measure seeks to accomplish and determine if you agree with those goals
 - o Is the measure consistent with your ideas about government?
 - o Do you think the proposed changes will make things better?
- Determine who are the real sponsors and opponents of the measure
 - o Who are the major financial contributors to the campaigns?
 - o Go to Secretary of State website: sos.ca.gov (cal-access.sos.ca.gov) as well as votersedge.org/ca
- Decide if the measure is well written
 - o Will it create conflicts in law that may require court interpretation or resolution?
 - o Is it “good government”, or will it cause more problems than it will solve?
- Consider the fiscal impact
 - o Does the measure create its own revenue source?
 - o Does it earmark, restrict or obligate government revenues?
 - o Weigh the benefit of securing funding for the measure against the cost of reducing budget flexibility
 - o Does the measure mandate a government program or service without addressing how it will be funded?
- Consider the complexity of the measure
 - o Does it deal with one issue that can be decided with a “yes” or “no” vote?
 - o Or is it a complex issue that should be dealt with in the legislative arena?
- If the measure amends the Constitution, consider whether it really belongs in the Constitution
 - o Would a statute accomplish the same purpose?
 - o All Constitutional amendments require voter approval; whatever we put into the Constitution would have to come back to the ballot to be changed
- Be wary of distortion tactics and commercials that rely on image but tell nothing of substance about the measure

League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale
Financial Report: July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

	Balances 6/30/2016	Notes
LWVCS Cash	11,528	5
Education Fund Account	2,126	
Assets	\$13,654	
Liabilities	0	
Net Worth	13,654	
Liabilities & Net Worth	\$13,654	

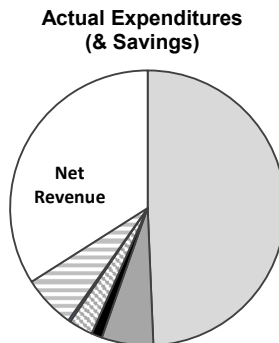
Revenue

	12-Month Actuals	Annual Budget	Notes
Member Dues	4,465	4,320	2
Member Donations with Dues	1,260	950	2
Member Community Service	195	180	
Community Appeal Contributions	2,740	2,400	3
Other Revenue	377	5	1,4
	\$9,037	7,855	



Expenditures

Payments to levels of LWV	4,458	4,400	5
Office Costs & Administration	549	670	5
Fundraising	114	290	
VOTER newsletter & Service to Members	257	420	
Delegates to Conventions	25	750	1
LWV Program: Study & Advocacy	0	160	
Voter Service & Citizen Education	560	1,165	1
	\$5,963	7,855	
Net Revenue	\$3,073		1



Explanatory Notes

- 1 Net Revenue is strongly positive due to generous donations, lower-than-expected expenditures (for instance, no delegates were being sent to the LWVUS Convention), and over-budgeting of Voter Service expenses. Net Revenue has been added to our existing Savings.
- 2 Our members have been very generous: dues and donations with dues are \$455 above budget. Only five members dropped their membership last September during our annual member renewal drive, and five people have joined so far this year.
- 3 Community Appeal receipts: \$200 in late donations to the 2015 Appeal and \$2,540 from the 2016 Appeal. Of all Appeal revenue received this year, 76% has come from members and 24% from non-members.
- 4 The "Other Revenue" is mostly memorial donations for Evelyn Lundstrom, who died in December.
- 5 Our payments to all levels of LWV and other regular bills have been paid for the year.

MAJOR VICTORIES FOR THE LEAGUE AND CALIFORNIA



The League's hard work has paid off, and great things are in store for California with so many new laws going into effect:

Money in Politics

SB 1107 removes the ban on public financing of campaigns and helps level the playing field for candidates.

SB 1349 modernizes the state's online database of campaign finance and lobbying information.

Climate Change

SB 32 and AB 197 reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect disadvantaged communities and those most affected by this pollution.

Voting Rights and Redistricting

AB 2466 makes it less likely for Californians to be unfairly denied their voting rights after a criminal conviction.

SB 450 makes voting more accessible with vote-by-mail ballots, early voting, and vote centers, starting in 14 counties in 2018.

AB 958 establishes a Citizens Redistricting Commission for Los

Angeles County, and SB 1108 allows all other California cities and counties to have these commissions too.

AB 350, AB 2220, and AB 2389 promote better representation and protect voting rights when local governments change to district-based elections.

AB 2010 helps local candidates reach voters with more affordable, online options for displaying their statements in official election materials.

PreK-12 Education and Juvenile Justice

AB 1014 and SB 527 reduce truancy and serve students at risk of dropping out of school, as required by Proposition 47.

Immigration

AB 2792 protects the rights of immigrants in local custody.

Natural Resources and the Environment

SB 122 supports the public's voice in land-use decisions by streamlining

the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

SB 7 promotes conservation by requiring individual water meters in new multifamily housing.

SB 1262 protects our long-term water supply by preventing the overuse of groundwater in new developments.

AB 2480 puts funding of watershed restoration projects on an equal basis with other water infrastructure.

These wins aren't possible without your support! Thank you to everyone who responded to our action alerts and made your voices heard in Sacramento.

*Helen Hutchison, President
League of Women Voters of
California*

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.

___ \$70 Individual member

Name(s): _____

___ \$105 Two members in a household

Address: _____

___ \$35 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 "LWVC Education Fund."

CALENDAR

November

Tue. 8 **ELECTION DAY**
Polls open 7 AM - 8 PM
Find your polling place on Voter's Edge

Wed. 16 7:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**
Sunnyvale Toyota
898 W El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

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