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ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 17, 2017

**Sunnyvale Community Center
Community Room
550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale 94087**

2 p.m. Annual Meeting

3 p.m. Working Groups

After our business meeting we will break into groups to work on the "Issues for Emphasis" adopted at our Program Planning meeting

The Annual Meeting Kit will be mailed mid-May. Watch for it and plan to come to the meeting.

LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale Board of Directors

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our League has been busy behind the scenes. Here's a sampling of what's been happening:

1. A Communications Committee has been established to develop our policy on what communications go to members and on our website. They are also intensely researching new technology to communicate with our members. This should make for a more professional look to our emails and other communications. Thank you Marieann Shovlin for leading this.
2. Our Budget Committee has completed their work and will be presenting budget plans to the members at our Annual Meeting. Thank you Marilyn Sherry for leading this and to Linda Davis, Serge Rudaz, and Bruce Kendall for helping to make this a very thoroughly organized and reviewed budget.
3. The Civil Discourse Committee was also recently established. More communications will be coming from them soon.
4. Program Planning has been finalized and will be presented to the membership at Annual Meeting.
5. Name badges are here for those that ordered one! Thank you for your patience. The good news is they look great. I'll have them available at all of our meetings for you to pick up. If you'd like yours now, feel free to contact me to arrange a pick up. It is easiest to email me at elaine.manley@comcast.net.

Your input and participation will help our League complete a variety of tasks. Please remember to save the date – June 17 (Saturday) from 2-4 p.m. for our Annual Meeting. This will be a business meeting as well as a working meeting where we will break out into groups to start work on the projects we voted to pursue.

In the meantime, if you'd like to attend a basic overview of our local positions on Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m. at my home, please let me know you can make it. This is a great preparation meeting for our upcoming Annual meeting.

Enjoy the Spring weather!

Elaine

Board Briefs

At its April Board Meeting your board:

- supported a proposal from Charities Housing for affordable senior housing on Stevens Creek Blvd in Cupertino.
- voted to recommend housing as an issue for emphasis at the upcoming Annual Meeting.
- heard the initial draft from the Budget Committee.
- established the Communications Committee.
- authorized work by the Civil Discourse Committee.

Member News

Welcome new members:
Rosemary Serio and Diane Snow.

Opportunities for Involvement

Help register new citizens to vote at the Naturalization Ceremonies on May 25. Contact Suzanne Ford at 408-257-3787, fordscf@yahoo.com.

Attend an Affordable Housing Week event

Help prospective citizens prepare for their interviews.

Attend Annual Meeting, June 17.

COMMUNITY APPEAL

Thank you for your donations:

Joyce Bartlett
Paula and Harry Bettencourt
Peter Botsford
Polly Bove
Harold Brown
Delores Carson

Hilde DeMarco
Tracey Edwards
Dorothy and John Givens
Jacquelyn Hall
Elsie and Jack Hasling
Jim Jackson
Bruce Kendall

Norma Medlin
Dorothy Normark
Sandra Rich
Marlene Sartwell
Marieann and Michael Shovlin
Martin Sorenson
Carol Weiss

EXPANSION OF EL CAMINO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

El Camino Hospital, April 17, 2017

In 2012, the El Camino Healthcare District (District) Board of Directors expanded the El Camino Hospital Board of Directors to include three subject matter experts. On May 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. the District Board will hold a Special District Board meeting to consider further changes to the El Camino Hospital Board structure. Nygren Consulting, a firm specializing in governance, leadership and strategy, will present alternative governance models for discussion, public input, and a possible vote of the District Board. The proposed governance models aim to achieve the following goals:

- Provide for the organization's long-term sustainability.
- Strengthen the competency composition and relevant experience of the Hospital Board.
- Attract and retain top talent in the Hospital executive team.
- Deliver on the organization's mission and vision to advance the health of our community.

Governance model scenarios include a Hospital Board where 3 or 5 District Directors would be seated on a Hospital Board with a total of either 9 or 11 members. In each model, the El Camino Healthcare District retains its reserved rights which allow publicly elected District Board members to fulfill their fiduciary duties. The structure of the District Board, with five publicly elected members, will not change.

The District Board wants to hear what you and the public think of the current and proposed governance models. Information about the models will be mailed to District residents and businesses this week and is available now on the El Camino Healthcare District website. Ads with the same information will appear soon in local newspapers. Comments can be submitted via mail, email, phone or fax. If possible, we ask that people submit comments by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Anyone interested in attending the May 15th Special District Board meeting and participating in the public comment portion of the agenda is encouraged to do so.

Click [here](#) for a list of "Questions and Answers."

SUNNYVALE LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

On April 11, 2017 Sunnyvale City Council approved the *Land Use and Transportation Element* of the Sunnyvale General Plan otherwise known as LUTE. The new guidelines spell out a vision for transportation and the development and appearance of the city through 2035. The plan places an emphasis on the development of "village centers." It addresses how much and where various categories of land use such as housing, industrial and commercial can be placed in the city.

For more information on LUTE see the article in the [Sunnyvale Sun](#).

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK 2017

Presented by SV@Home

May 12 to May 19, 2017



SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP ANNUAL 2017 HOUSING TOUR

SATURDAY, MAY 13



What is Affordable Housing Week?

Affordable Housing Week (AHW) is a week-long celebration of affordable housing, and the effort to bring our diverse community together to raise awareness, educate, engage, activate, and unite around affordable housing issues and how we can work together to make Santa Clara County a more affordable place to live for all of our residents. This year's theme, #ItsUpToUs, Silicon Valley, emphasizes the need for collective action and unification around the idea that everyone should have access to a safe, stable, and affordable home.

How can you get involved?

Attend the events presented over the week.

Click below or copy and paste in your browser for a detailed list of all events. You will need to scroll down the page to see the agenda.

<http://siliconvalleyathome.org/events/affordable->

If you choose to attend an event please note that LWVCS along with the other Leagues in Santa Clara County are members of SV@Home.

SV@Home members get discounts on tickets and early access to event registrations.

For any questions, please contact Mitch Mankin, SV@Home Program Coordinator, at mitch@svathome.org or (408) 780-8411.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group will be hosting our Annual 2017 Housing Tour on Saturday, May 13!

As part of annual Santa Clara County Affordable Housing Week, the Housing Tour's goal is to invite public officials, community leaders, developers, housing community stakeholders, and engaged residents and showcase diverse examples of housing within Santa Clara County.

The 2017 Tour will feature the cities of Mountain View, Santa Clara, and Sunnyvale! The Tour will begin in Mountain View at the Prometheus Madera Apartments where we will be holding a panel discussion on "Healthy Housing." Our second stop will be in Santa Clara at the Core Companies Presidio Santa Clara. The final stop of the Tour will be in Sunnyvale at MidPen Housing's Onizuka Crossing where we will have lunch and a panel session with local stakeholders from the housing community!

This year's tour places an emphasis on the relationships between health and housing. By examining and discussing which elements would be key to building better communities, it is our hope that multiple stakeholders can come together to enjoy an interactive and informative tour of both market rate and affordable developments.

Admission includes breakfast/lunch and transportation costs.

Tickets are LIMITED, [RSVP](#) to secure your seat today!

Contact Don Tran at dtran@svlg.org for tour inquiries.

No cancellations or refunds--Substitutions are welcome!

LEAGUE NEWS

National - The League has joined allied organizations and FEC Commissioner Weintraub by calling for the President to produce evidence to support his unlawful voting claims—or put the claims to rest. “It’s time to stop spreading misinformation and undermining voters’ faith in our elections,” stated LWV president, Chris Carson.

State - The LWVC board adopted the following as legislative priorities for 2017:

Impact of changing federal policies on California

- Health care
- Immigration
- Environment
- Tax reform

Voting Rights and Election Administration

- Support extension of protections of the state and federal voting rights acts.
- Support measures to improve election administration and California’s voting experience and access to voter registration.

REGISTERING NEW CITIZENS TO VOTE

Many thanks to our members Daniel Bremond, Beverly Olsen, Leslie Larson, and Judy Wilson for their help and assistance in registering new citizens to vote at the Naturalization Ceremonies on March 23 at the Heritage Theater in Campbell.

Over 1,100 people from dozens of countries took the oath of citizenship during three ceremonies that day and more than 300 completed their voter application cards.

Throughout the year, Leagues in the county share a rotation schedule to assist the Registrar of Voters at the naturalization ceremonies. Our League will have another opportunity to register new citizens on Thursday, May 25, at 10:30, 1:30, and 3:30. It is a most rewarding experience; if you are interested and available for any or all the times listed, please call or email Suzanne Ford at 408-257-3787, fordscf@yahoo.com.

CITIZEN INTERVIEW PREPARATION

On Saturday, May 13 the Adult School of the Fremont Union High School District is conducting mock interviews for people who have applied for citizenship.

These mock interviews help people to become more comfortable and confident about their real citizenship interviews. This is a way to help individual soon-to-be citizens.

The Adult School staff provides the training needed to volunteers that morning. You would need to arrive at 11:15 a.m. and would be done at 1:45 p.m. See the [flyer](#) for more details, including who to respond to at FUSHD Adult Education.

Join the League of Women Voters

Voting membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all men and women 16 years of age and older. 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): _____

___ \$35 for each additional member in a household

Address: _____

___ \$35 Student

City: _____ State: ___ ZIP: _____

___ Contribution \$ _____

Phone(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.”

APRIL

Sat. 29 9:30 a.m. **LWV Bay Area Council**
San Francisco Bay Model Visitors Center
2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito, 94965

MAY

Sat 6 10:00 a.m. **LWVCS Positions Review**
Manley's 1075 Hamshire Ct. Sunnyvale, 94087

Wed. 10 7:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**
Sunnyvale Toyota
898 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

Fri. 12 - **Affordable Housing Week 2017**
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Sat. 13 **SVLG Annual 2017 Housing Tour**
See page 4

JUNE

Fri. 2 - **LWVC Convention**
Sun. 4 The Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel
1230 J Street, Sacramento, 95814

Sat. 17 2:00 p.m. **LWVCS Annual Meeting**
Sunnyvale Community Center, Community Room
550 E. Remington Dr. Sunnyvale, 94087

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