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PROGRAM PLANNING

LWV's Public Policy Work: Part II

Note change in date, time, and place

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Time: 7 to 9 PM
Place: St. Jude Episcopal Church
 20920 McClellan Rd, Cupertino
 Classroom #5.

At this meeting we will review the proposals that received the greatest support at our January meeting and confirm that we will propose those programs for adoption at our Annual Meeting in May or June.

Come and participate in the discussion and decision-making.

Please send an email to elaine.manley@comcast.net to let her know if you can attend.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The League is a grassroots organization; what does that mean?

The League embraces the principles of a Grassroots organization in part by: registering voters, encouraging political conversation, educating the public on issues of interest, and by making your views known to our politicians. The League uses collective action at the local level to effect change at the local, regional, or national level. The League operates with bottom-up, rather than top-down decision making and then encourages community members to contribute by taking action in their community.

We are entering the season of grassroots participation:

- We have launched Program Planning which means we are engaging with our members to help set the agenda for 2018. It is not too late to participate in Program Planning, as the next meeting is February 13, 2018 from 7 to 9 PM, St. Jude Episcopal Church, 20920 McClellan Rd, Cupertino Classroom #5.
- We are setting up meetings to interview our local representatives in the Assembly and State Senate. The interviews will explore the representative's points of view on a range of topics.
- We are also getting ready for the 2018 elections. During 2018 we will work to inform the public about ballot measures and the candidates and of course register voters. Please let us know if you would like to help with these activities. Contact tkaye752@gmail.com and put *2018 Elections* in the subject line.

Please help the League by being part of our grassroots; find an area of interest and lend your efforts. We can certainly use your help and your participation will make us and our community better.

Take Care,

Tracey Edwards

SEEKING LEADERS FOR OUR LEAGUE

In the coming months, the Nominating Committee will assemble a board slate to recommend to members at the 2018 Annual Meeting. If you have ideas on people to help lead our organization, or you want to explore your own role within our local League, please write to the committee at nominations@lwvcs.org to initiate an exchange that can lead to enhanced engagement and community service for you or other members.

Linda Davis, Nominating Committee Chair

Board Briefs

At its January meeting your board:

- Discussed the Program Planning meeting held on Saturday, January 13th.
- Received an update from the County Housing Committee. The Committee has established the following policy priorities:

- housing impact fees
- percentage of inclusionary housing
- accessory dwelling units
- housing for the missing middle
- public land use for affordable housing

Additionally the committee is also proposing two events:

- How to make affordable housing successful in your community
- Panel Discussion on Vallco
- Discussed upcoming Legislative Interviews with Assemblymen Evan Low and Marc Berman and state Senators Jerry Hill and Jim Beall.

Membership and Contributions News

Welcome new members: Jennnifer Shannon, Nicolle Sklovar, Nancy Smith, Wade Smith, and Nan Zender.

Thanks to the following members for your donation: Linda Davis & Serge Rudaz, Anita Herrmann, and Rose-Marie Twu.

Thank you to community members for your donation: Richard Lowenthal and Jean Schwab.



STATE ROUTE (SR) 85 TRANSIT GUIDEWAY STUDY

An estimated \$350 million is included in the 2016 Measure B for improvements to the State Route (SR) 85 corridor. Eligible uses are [noise reduction](#), a new transit lane and a study that will give some definition to what the “new transit lane” could be. The measure requires that the study evaluate designs, including light rail and bus rapid transit as well as any future transportation technologies that may be applicable.

VTA kicked off the study in the fall, holding meetings with the [SR-85 Policy Board \(PAB\)](#) which consists of elected officials from each city along SR-85, to analyze the transit travel market and what type of engineering constraints exist along the corridor. VTA also held public meetings in [San Jose](#), [Cupertino](#) and Mountain View that attracted about 180 attendees altogether and ran an online survey for more than three months that received nearly 2,500 responses.

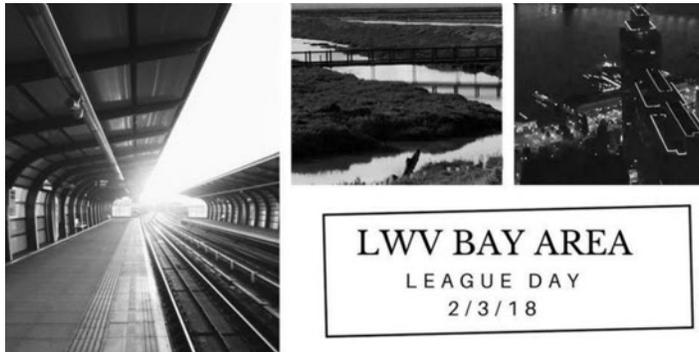
Armed with technical analysis and guided by public input, the SR-85 PAB will develop project design alternatives in the Spring of 2018. They will consider different types of travel modes in addition to light rail and bus rapid transit, including public suggestions such as a monorail, subway, and gondola. The Advisory Board will imagine where stations might be and what types of operating plans should be considered. Does the service make several stops? Few stops? Does it run all day? Everyday? Does it only run during the peak commute period, (6 AM-9 AM and 4 PM-7 PM)? Does it serve the Mountain View Transit Center or continue north of US-101? Will it be for VTA transit only or will other vehicles like private buses be allowed to use the lane? Will there be park-n-ride lots? The Board will also keep in mind the costs to build and operate, as well as potential impacts to those who live and work along the SR-85 corridor.

Once the alternatives are selected, VTA will undertake a detailed analysis for designing and building the projects as well as annual operating cost projections. VTA will evaluate each alternative for engineering feasibility and impacts to the surrounding community and will develop trip timetables so travelers can compare travel times to their current option. VTA will also use computer models to project changes in travel volumes and travel by mode (car, bus, train, other, etc.) along the SR-85 corridor. VTA will produce a report that compares each alternative.

When the analysis is completed, VTA will conduct another round of community outreach focused on preferred alternatives. After receiving community input, the SR-85 PAB will make a recommendation to VTA Board of Directors about how to proceed with the project.



Attendees at VTA public meeting held in Cupertino



Winds of Change

Impact of Regional Government on Local Government and Community Intersection and Interconnection

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2018
Time: 9:00 AM Registration, Networking, Continental Breakfast
 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Panels and Roundtable Discussion
Place: Laney College, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland 94607

Panel I: Cross Currents of Local Government, Community, Urban, and Regional Planning

Panel II: Today's Microclimate and Head Winds: Micro-Climature of Regionalism, Regional Governance, and Today's Head Winds

Regional Roundtable:
Regional Climate Forecast ~ Today and Tomorrow

Cost: \$35 advance (with lunch)
\$40 at the door (with lunch)

[BUY MY TICKET](#)

[How to get to Laney College in Oakland by Bus, BART, Train, Light Rail](#)

Parking located across the street from Laney College at the Kaiser Convention Center Parking lot. Follow the signs to the event.

To **carpool to BART**, contact [Roberta Hollimon](#).

GOVERNOR SIGNS HOUSING PACKAGE

In late September, Governor Brown signed a comprehensive [15-bill housing package](#) that includes funding sources, tools, and regulatory measures to increase the State's housing production. Key measures included:

SB 2-- the Permanent Source bill-- which will provide an ongoing source of revenue for affordable housing, SB 1505, which reaffirmed the rights of local jurisdictions to require that affordable units be included in market rate rental developments,

SB 35, which included streamlining measures to require that developments that meet zoning and General Plan guidelines be allowed to move forward.

Additionally, SB 3 will place a measure on the November 2018 ballot that would create \$4 billion in revenue for affordable housing development and preservation.



FEBRUARY

- Sat. 3 9:30 - 4 **Bay Area League Day**
Laney College
900 Fallon, Oakland 94607
- Mon. 5 7:30 PM **Board Meeting**
Sunnyvale Toyota
898 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale
- Tues. 13 7 - 9 PM **Program Planning Part II**
St. Jude Episcopal Church
20920 McClellan Rd, Cupertino
Classroom #5.

MARCH

- Mon. 5 7:30 PM **Board Meeting**
Sunnyvale Toyota
898 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

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