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## PROS AND CONS OF BALLOT MEASURES

There is still time to learn about the 13 ballot measures on this November's ballot. Attend one of these informative meetings and then decide how you will vote on these measures.

**Thursday, October 26, 7:30-9:00 pm**

Congregation Beth David  
19700 Prospect Road, Saratoga

**Sunday, October 29, 7:00-8:30 pm**

St. John's Lutheran/Trinity Methodist  
581 E Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale (at Manet Drive)

**Saturday, November 4, 2:00-3:30 pm**

Cupertino Community Hall,  
10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino  
(between City Hall & Library)

Can't attend one of the presentations? View the PowerPoint presentation with audio on a podcast from the Sunnyvale Library. Go to [www.librarypodcasts.org](http://www.librarypodcasts.org). You will see "Pros and Cons of the statewide Propositions" over a red, white and blue banner. Click on "listen now" and "View/download/PowerPoint presentation."

## CANDIDATE FORUM

Take this opportunity to hear the candidates and ask questions. This forum will be televised live on Cupertino Channel 26 and repeated on later dates.

**Fremont Union High School Trustees**

**County Board of Education, Seat 2**

Wednesday, October 25, 7:00-9:00 pm

Cupertino Community Hall,  
10350 Torre Ave, Cupertino  
(between City Hall & Library)

**For complete nonpartisan election information visit:**

[www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org)

and

[www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org)

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGES

As election season carries on at a relentless pace (though not all of our Pro/Con talks are open to the public, our local League delivers almost one a day in October), I have had a series of unsettling, reassuring, tiring events. People have spoken in abrupt partisan fashion at Pro/Con meetings, and have sometimes doubted our non-partisan claims. People have asked questions to which I did not have answers. People have made coffee and cookies and thanked us profusely for the work we do. And yesterday and today, I had two of the best gifts of all. Two phone calls, both from determined voters who just Knew that if all else failed, call the League. One had been trying for days to get a ride to a Pro/Con, and finally found my number. She was thrilled to accept the offer of a ride, and spent some time telling me about the challenges of being an engaged and informed voter when you don't drive much anymore. Another had been phoning the Secretary of State's voter assistance number for two days without result, as the system seemed to go down under an overload whenever she had almost navigated the automated system to her goal. So she called the League. I offered to bring her the brochures she wanted, but she wouldn't hear of it, came to pick up literature and spent a while telling me what it's like when you don't get out as easily as you once did, and the library doesn't have all the forms all the time, and you really feel that voting is terribly important as a way to shape the society we live in.

These are our constituents. The stubborn voters. The confused voters. The ones who are still mastering English and the ones who look to the heart of the issues. The angry and the kind. And when I wonder if we do any good, I think of someone who no longer drives at night spending hours on the phone hunting for a way to get the information we are trying to pass around, and I think what I do is easy in comparison. Can you offer a ride to someone who wants to know more? Can you make sure the libraries stay well stocked with voter information? Can you play the Pro side or the Con side at a talk, or keep time at a candidate forum? Contact me, or Marilyn Howard, our Voter Service chair. We can do so much more with more hands to help, and there are people out there who need what we do.

*Susan*

We're closing in on the election. If you have not yet attended a Pros and Cons meeting and brought a friend with you, please try to work it into your schedule. It's such a great way to introduce someone to the League as well as help them become more informed on the issues. I want to take a moment to thank Linda Davis and Susan Hough for creating time to do all the presentations. You two are awesome! I also want to thank Andrea Harris and Marilyn Howard for all your help with coordination. Be sure to vote on Nov 7th!

*Elaine*

### Board Briefs

At its October meeting the board:

- Adopted a nonpartisan policy for board members.
- Heard that the Registrar of Voters is still looking for poll workers.
- Learned that we will be registering voters at the Diwali Festival.
- Agreed to support Education as an Issue for Education and Advocacy in Program Planning.
- Learned that all but two candidates in our area have posted their information on Smart Voter.

### Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Joan Coston, Pat and Jim Jackson, Helen Morris, Barbara Rogers, Flo Stafford, and Dorothy Stow.

Thank you for including a contribution with your renewal: Kirsten Holmquist, Jenny Lopresto, Richard Lowenthal,

Welcome new members: Ruby Elbogen and Elsie Hasling.

### Ruth Sethe

We are sad to report the death of long-time League member Ruth Sethe. Ruth was an activist on environmental issues. She was a member of the League's Hazmatters Committee and worked on the County League's Water Study. She worked hard for a clean healthy environment, especially lobbying successfully to eliminate the burning of rubber tires. She will be missed.

## VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE

<b>Proposition 1B</b>	Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Proposition 1C</b>	Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Proposition 1D</b>	Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Proposition 1E</b>	Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Proposition 84</b>	Water Quality, Safety and Supply, Flood Control, Natural Resource Protection, Park Improvement. Bonds.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Proposition 85</b>	Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.	<b>No</b>
<b>Proposition 86</b>	Tax on Cigarettes	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Proposition 88</b>	Education Funding. Real Property Parcel Tax	<b>No</b>
<b>Proposition 89</b>	Political Campaigns. Public Financing. Corporate Tax Increase. Contribution and Expenditure Limits.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Proposition 90</b>	Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property	<b>No</b>
<b>County Measure A</b>	Conservation of Hillside, Ranchlands and Agriculture	<b>Yes</b>

### WILL YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT BE COUNTED BY ELECTION NIGHT?

Absentee balloting is a wonderful method for many voters' convenience. But if you don't mail the ballot in to be received before Election Day, your ballot will not be counted by that evening's news. It will be counted eventually, but, per the California Secretary of State's website <http://primary2006.ss.ca.gov/absentee.htm> "...Voted absentee ballots that are received in the mail on Election Day as well as voted absentee ballots that are returned to any polling place on Election Day, as is permitted under California law, cannot be counted until the signature of the voter and other information is verified to ensure the voter is eligible to cast a ballot. Election officials have 28 days..." For your voting convenience, another option is to vote early at the Registrar of Voters Office. Santa Clara County's office is at 1555 Berger Drive, Bldg. 2 in San Jose. They are open Mon through Fri., 8 am to 5 pm and two Saturdays and one Sunday prior to election from 9 am to 3 pm. (Information on [www.smartvoter.org/ca/scl/](http://www.smartvoter.org/ca/scl/))

*Deloris Carson*

### 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ON ELECTION DAY

1. **Go To The Right Place** Poll locations can change. Be sure to locate your polling place before you go to vote. Check [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org) or contact the elections office for your county, city or state.
2. **Bring I.D.** You may need to show I.D. at the polling place. To be safe, bring your driver's license or another photo I.D. In some places, a current utility bill, paycheck or other document that includes your name and street address may also work.
3. **Get a Ballot** Don't panic if you registered to vote but your name is not on the list. Get help from a poll worker to make sure your vote is counted. You should be given a provisional ballot or given directions to another polling place.
4. **Get Help** Poll workers are there to help you. They'll show you how to use the voting machine or give you a provisional ballot if you need one. Ask, or read the signs at your polling place, which have instructions, list your voting rights and say how to file a complaint.
5. **Stay and Vote** You probably won't have to wait too long. But even if the line is long, don't leave without voting. The outcome of this election will be important!

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale require that the members be given a financial report once a year within five months of the end of the fiscal year. We operate on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. Following is a report of the Assets and Liabilities of the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale. This financial report has not been reviewed yet.

### League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale Assets & Liabilities on June 30, 2006

	General Fund	Education Fund	GF&EF
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
General Fund	6,978.95	----.---	6,978.95
Publications & Supplies	0.00	----.---	0.00
Permanent Reserves Fund	2,500.00	----.---	2,500.00
Board Discretionary Fund	1,000.00	----.---	1,000.00
Education Fund	----.---	2,406.31	2,406.31
Anticipated Receipts	<u>106.63</u>	----.---	<u>106.63</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,585.58	\$2,406.31	\$12,991.89
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Payments to LWVUS & LWVC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Bills	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>NET WORTH</u></b>			
Net Worth on 6/30/2006	9,455.29	200.46	9,655.75
Revenue-Expenditures	<u>1,130.29</u>	<u>2,099.22</u>	<u>3,229.51</u>
CURRENT NET WORTH	\$10,585.58	\$2,299.68	\$12,885.26
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET WORTH</b>	<b>\$10,585.58</b>	<b>\$2,299.68</b>	<b>\$12,885.26</b>

#### Cash in Bank Accounts June 30, 2006

Checking Account	4,181.95		4,181.95
Franklin Money Fund Account	6,245.90		6,245.90
Bulk Mail Account	51.10		51.10
LWVC Education Fund Account		2,406.31	2,406.31

For the fiscal year 2005-2006 revenues increased \$3,400 over budget and expenses were \$200 over budget. The large increase in revenue was due to generous donations from members and sharing the profits from the state League's fundraising Democracy Dinner. Our share of the profits was based on our participation in planning and working on the dinner. The board has decided to use those funds for voter service activities in our communities which is why the expenses are over budget.

Address any questions about League finances to the treasurer, Roberta Hollimon, 408-253-6078, rhollimon2@cs.com.

## LEAGUE NEWS

### National

The LWVUS joined other national reform organizations in letters to House leaders urging each of them to support an independent fact-finding function as part of the ethics process. The performance of the House Ethics Committee in this Congress has been a complete failure, and the House ethics enforcement process today has no credibility with the American people. Regardless of which party controls the House in the next Congress, it is essential to overhaul fundamentally the process for enforcing the House ethics rules.

### State

The state board has adopted new policies for the LWVCEF study process. The policies address the conflict between a two-year study process and the federal election cycle creating demands on resources in the fall of an election year. It also contains new policies for the adoption of a study.

## DELTA VISION WORKSHOP IN LOS ANGELES NOVEMBER 8

Major challenges face the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: land subsidence, deteriorating levees, increasing urbanization, and threats to agricultural sustainability, water supply reliability, ecosystem health, and water quality. There are multiple Delta Vision processes underway, and a decision on the future of the Delta will be made in the next two years. While past planning efforts have focused primarily on the Delta's water resource issues and ecosystem, these current efforts have expanded to include land use planning, recreation, flood management, and energy, rail and transportation infrastructure.

To help Californians learn about the physical vulnerabilities of the Delta and the need for a new Delta vision, the Water Education Foundation is presenting a workshop on November 8 at the headquarters of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in Los Angeles. Participants will hear panels of experts from all sides of the issues and will be able to provide input to decision makers through breakout sessions.

Attendance at this first Delta Vision workshop is free and a complimentary box lunch will be provided, but advance registration is essential to guarantee a place. Visit [www.watereducation.org/deltavisionworkshops.asp](http://www.watereducation.org/deltavisionworkshops.asp) to register and learn more.

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## LEAGUE WEBSITES

National	<a href="http://www.lwv.org">www.lwv.org</a>
State	<a href="http://www.ca.lwv.org">www.ca.lwv.org</a>
Bay Area	<a href="http://www.lwvba-ca.org">www.lwvba-ca.org</a>
County	<a href="http://www.scc.ca.lwvnet.org">www.scc.ca.lwvnet.org</a>
Local	<a href="http://www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org">www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org</a>

## Help Make Government Work 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 to LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale, P.O. Box 2923, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

___ \$50 Individual member	Name: _____
___ \$75 Two members in a household	Address: _____
___ Contribution \$ _____	City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Telephone: _____	Email: _____

Checks made out to LWVCS are not tax deductible.