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### LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale

## Membership Get Together

### Become a more informed voter

- *Meet new and returning members*
- *Plan for 13 ballot measures in November*
- *Coordinate Candidates Forum for the DA's runoff*
- *Learn about Healthcare for all - SB840*
- *Learn about the new Immigration Study*
- *And more!*

### Attend this meeting at Beverly Olsen's

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#### Wednesday September 6, 2006

10:00 am – 11:30am

Or 7:00p – 8:30pm

At Beverly Olsen's

611 Hubbard Ave

Santa Clara, CA 95051

Call 296-3457 to RSVP

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to urge you all to attend at least one of the Membership Meetings on September 6th. Beverly Olsen has graciously offered to host both meetings at her house. Please invite prospective members as well.

We have 13 ballot measures, a major health bill, and candidate forums to plan for and discuss. You are needed. We really do want you to attend and we want you to bring prospective members. Let's make it a very fun meeting, full of laughter and information and excitement in helping others with voting issues.

*Elaine*

### Board Briefs

At its August meeting the board:

- Learned that the Leagues of Women Voters of Santa Clara County voted to support the County Land Conservation Measure.
- Agreed to hold a forum for District Attorney candidates on October 9 at Cupertino Community Hall.
- Decided to remain neutral on the two Cupertino referenda

**Deleted:** ballot measures when we have a position on the issue. The decision to take a stand on issues is made by the League Board at the appropriate level of government, local, county, state, or national, after the measures have been analyzed by a committee that examines relevant League positions... Members can help in this advocacy effort by learning why the League has taken a stand and passing that information on to friends. They can become even more active by joining a campaign committee.¶

¶ "When we join the League, we each subscribe to its mission. Therefore, it is up to each of us to find a way to help fulfill that mission. What are you doing to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influence public policy through education and advocacy?"

### Looking Back

**15 years ago** members marched in the Cupertino Parade to celebrate the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights. In addition to representing the League and those many women who have marched before and fought for rights, participants handed out voter registration forms and encouraged people by example to get involved.

### LWV SANTA BARBARA ACTS TO PROTECT SANTA ROSA ISLAND

Acting with permission of the LWVUS and the LWVC, LWV Santa Barbara acted on a bill of local importance. Rep. Duncan Hunter's rider to a defense appropriations bill would make Santa Rosa Island (part of the Channel Islands National Park) a hunting resort for veterans—shutting out the public and mandating that restoration of the island's ecosystem be halted. California Democratic Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein have been outspoken opponents of Mr. Hunter's proposal, saying that hunting blocks public access and interferes with indigenous plants and animals. In a May statement, Senator Feinstein said, "Senator Boxer and I will do everything we can to oppose any effort to turn Santa Rosa Island into a private hunting reserve for only members of the armed services, veterans and their guests."

Historical preservation, as well as land conservation efforts are underway on this, the second largest of the Channel Islands chain, located about 40 miles off the coast of Santa Barbara. Currently, the national park welcomes about 5,000 visitors per year.

*LWVC Update, August 2006*

### Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Beatrice Arrowsmith, Barbara Beyda, Hobart Davis, Gladys Garabedian, Fran Grabau, and Beverly and Ric Olsen.

Thank you for including a contribution with your renewal: Pat Boyle and Mavis Smith.

Welcome new member: Evelyn Gradinetti.

### Community Appeal

Thank you for your contribution: Dorothy and William Normark.

## KNOW YOUR BAY AREA DAY

### CHALLENGES OF OUR INTERDEPENDENT WATER SYSTEMS

Saturday, September 16, 2006  
9:00 AM– 1:00 PM  
Marines Memorial Club  
609 Sutter Street, San Francisco

9:00 Registration and light breakfast  
9:30 Program

#### Speakers

- Prof David Sunding, University of California Berkeley, Economics  
*Regional Economic Importance of the San Francisco Water System*
- Tony Irons, Deputy General Manager of San Francisco Public Utility Commission (PUC)  
*Water System Improvement Program (WSIP)*
- Bern Beecham, Chair of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)  
*BAWSCA's Formation and Goals*
- Nicole Sandkulla, Senior Planner, Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency  
*How Are We Addressing Water Conservation, Water Supply and Water System Reliability?*
- Tim Ramirez, Manager, Watershed and Natural Resources Division, San Francisco PUC  
*The San Francisco Creeks and Watershed Program*
- Dana Haasz, Convener, California Urban Water Conservation Council & Water Conservation Administrator, San Francisco PUC  
*Promoting Water Conservation Regionally and Statewide.*

Cost: \$17.50 per person.

To register: mail your check payable to LWVBA to:  
Tam Hege, 80 Florada Ave. Piedmont CA 94610

Registration deadline September 9; cost for all reservations needs to be guaranteed.

For further information: email [treasurer@lwvba.ca.lwvnet.org](mailto:treasurer@lwvba.ca.lwvnet.org)

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA**  
**2006 BAY AREA REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP**

Saturday, September 9, 2006, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
The HYATT Residence, 620 Sand Hill Rd, Palo Alto  
(across from Nordstrom's, Stanford Shopping Center)

**Workshops:**

- League 101—Everything you need to know to make League work for you
- Voters Service—How to run an election; How to write local pro's & cons for the ballot
- Membership—Diversifying membership: engaging and keeping new and younger members
- Communications—Community Visibility, connecting with your community

**Workshop Schedule:**

9:00	Registration
9:30	Introductions
9:45	Morning Workshops
11:45	Lunch at topic tables
1:00	Afternoon workshops
2:45	Evaluations
3:00	Workshop ends

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**Registration Form**

LWV \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city, zip code) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

League Job/portfolio \_\_\_\_\_

Registration deadline **September 6.**

Mail registration form with check made out to LWVC for \$25 (morning snack, lunch, materials) to:  
Crownie Billick, 360 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022

On site late registration \$30.

Further information: email: [crownie@billik.com](mailto:crownie@billik.com) or phone 650-948-0936

## LEAGUE NEWS

### National

The League celebrated the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act. President Mary Wilson stated, "Together we achieved the goal of reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act (VRA). This victory was the result of tremendous League activity, throughout the country and on the Hill. This success was celebrated by the large and diverse coalition of groups who worked for more than a year to reauthorize the VRA. League members can be proud of the extraordinary contributions of our local, state, and national Leagues as we advocated together for the renewal of the landmark civil rights law."

### State

At its July retreat the LWVCEF board adopted criteria for candidate participation in forums or debates for statewide office in November 2006. According to these criteria a candidate must (among other things) receive at least ten percent (10%) support in a statewide nonpartisan public opinion poll that includes all candidates for the office.

### Bay Area

LWVBA presented a statement to the Joint Policy Committee on Friday, July 21, 2006 in support of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), opposing further exemptions, having interest in greater use of Specific Area Plans, and stressing the importance of funding for regional planning, in accordance with LWVC policy.

### County

The County Leagues voted to support the County Land Conservation Measure on the November ballot.

## SAVE THE DATE! LWVC CO-SPONSORS 2007 SMART GROWTH CONFERENCE

The New Partners for Smart Growth Conference has grown significantly since it began several years ago—increasing in scope, attendance, and prestige—and is now considered to be the "premier" smart growth conference held each year. The strength of this conference comes from the variety of participants and speakers who cross disciplines to share experiences and insights, as well as valuable tools and strategies to encourage smart growth implementation to "get it done."

The 2007 program will span three days and feature cutting-edge smart growth issues, the latest research, implementation tools and strategies, successful case studies, interactive learning experiences, new partners, new projects and new policies. Most importantly, this dynamic event offers the opportunity to network and coordinate with peers and practitioners from many different disciplines with the same goal—building safe, healthy, and livable communities for all.

Plan now to join us and others from across the U.S., February 8-10, 2007, in Los Angeles, California, for the smart growth event of the year! Visit [www.NewPartners.org](http://www.NewPartners.org) for more event details. Online registration will be available in October. The League of Women Voters joins with the Local Government Commission and others to co-sponsor this special event.

*LWVC Update, August 2006*

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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