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### HOLIDAY LUNCH

#### Development in Cupertino and Sunnyvale: Is It Affected by the State of the Economy?

**Date:** Saturday December 6, 2008  
**Time:** 11:30 am  
**Place:** Harvest Restaurant  
 10630 S. DeAnza Blvd. Cupertino  
**Speakers:** Melinda Hamilton, Sunnyvale City Council Member  
 Steve Piaseki, Director of Community  
 Development, Cupertino

Join fellow members and guests at our annual holiday gathering and learn what's happening with development in Cupertino and Sunnyvale.

Order food and pay as you enter. Your meal will be brought to your table.

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### BAY AREA LEAGUE MEETING

#### Public Health: Wood Smoke and Wintertime Air Pollution

**Date:** Tuesday, December 2, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Nile Hall, Preservation Park  
 12th Street & MLK Jr. Way, Oakland

You are invited to a **free** forum on public health and air quality that will be jointly hosted by the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The forum will focus on wood smoke and air pollution. Hear speakers from the American Lung Association, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Berkeley Community Environmental Advisory Committee, Breathe California, Kaiser Permanente, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Breakfast will be provided and all participants will receive take-home packets with information about wood smoke and new wood burning regulations.

Open to All. Invite elected officials, neighbors, friends.

**E-mail** [editor@bayareamonitor.org](mailto:editor@bayareamonitor.org) or call (510) 839-1608 for more information

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a very exciting election season. I hope you were active and I hope you voted for what you believed in. Rose-Marie Twu and I went to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters office and spent some time observing the people and the process on election day. We are pleased to report that what we saw was very impressive and very organized. I went back around 11pm and watched them process and scan some of the ballots through the machines. I came away feeling very confident in the accuracy and quality of the vote count in our county.

On a separate note, the Los Altos/Mountain View League hosted a special event with Professor Pamela Kaplan as the guest speaker regarding the Supreme Court, the National Popular Vote, and even what is the latest on Proposition 8 and the related lawsuits. She was an excellent speaker and extremely knowledgeable on her subject. I encourage you to participate in League events. They are very well done.

To wrap up this year, we are having a holiday lunch at the Harvest Restaurant. We'd love to have you join us and feel free to bring a guest. It's a great time to hear what is happening in Cupertino and Sunnyvale with our guest speakers. And it's a great time to catch up on some holiday cheer. Enjoy the holidays and I hope one of your New Year's Resolutions is to become more active in our League.

*Elaine Manley*

## SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

### Sunnyvale's Plan For Housing

**Date:** Thursday, December 4, 2008  
**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
**Place:** Sunnyvale Senior Center, Laurel room  
550 E Remington Drive, Sunnyvale

The Housing and Community Revitalization Sub-element Update will set forth Sunnyvale's housing goals and policies for the 2007-2014 planning period to address existing and future housing needs. The city is asking for your input so as to better understand the housing needs faced by Sunnyvale's residents and workforce

## Board Briefs

At its November meeting your board:

- Set a date for the Program Planning meeting in January.
- Heard a progress report on the Bylaws Revision.
- Learned that more people have signed up for an email VOTER.
- Heard a report on successful Candidate Forums and Pros and Cons presentations

## Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Eileen Grindeland, Sherry Howd, and Barbara Rogers.

Thanks for including a donation with your dues: Donna and Scot Austin, Pat Boyle, Linda Davis and Serge Rudaz, Len Doberne, and Andrea Harris,

Welcome new member: Richard Grindeland

## LEAGUE NEWS

**National** – The League and other concerned organizations urged that any economic stimulus bill include green infrastructure and green jobs development that immediately put people to work and reinvigorate the economy. An aid package for automakers should be tied to guaranteed improvement in greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy of manufacturers' fleets.

**State** – In the face of California's ongoing budget crisis, the League and its School Finance Exploration Project (SFEP) partners are even more committed to moving ahead with efforts to reform public education and the way California funds its schools. Over the next 10 months, seven area Leagues, from San Diego to Santa Clara County, will bring members of their communities together to discuss what needs to be done to improve our schools. The League understands that fundamental change will happen only if we collectively understand the challenges, identify solutions, and build the public will to support reform. For more information, visit our Education Web site, or contact Education Committee Chair Barbara Inatsugu at [LWVinatsugub@aol.com](mailto:LWVinatsugub@aol.com).

## KUDOS TO OUR VOTER SERVICE TEAM

**Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures** – Our exemplary team of presenters, Linda Davis, Susan Hough, Kris Kelly, and Laurel Stell; support and oppose role-players Pam Baich, Delores Carson, Robin Holmes, Sara Kempen, Norma Medlin, Jeanette Morgan, Sandy Odgen, Beverly Olsen, Judi Pogue, and Teresa Whitney; and Scheduler Andrea Harris reached over 1,000 people at 30 events this election season. Many thanks to the Better Part, a Cupertino based organization that video recorded a half-hour presentation of the Pros and Cons and put it on You-Tube and made it available to Smart Voter for streaming on that website.

**Candidate Forums** – Once again our organizers, Sara Cordell and Marilyn Howard presented informative Candidate Forums which Roberta Hollimon and Elaine Manley moderated; Sandy Howard and Rose-Marie Twu timed and Delores Carson and Alex Hough assisted with question collecting and sorting.

**Smart Voter** – Jason Spiller and Sandy Howard worked to get candidates to put their information on our local portion of the Smart Voter website.

Thanks to all for helping to bring the League's high quality, comprehensive, and reliable nonpartisan election information to voters.

## 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.

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## CALENDAR

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### January

- Mon 12 7:00 pm **Board Meeting**  
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