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Mission Statement



The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Vision, Beliefs and Intentions

The goal of the League of Women Voters is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide.

The League of Women Voters of California is a nonpartisan political membership organization, which:

- acts after study and member agreement to achieve solutions in the public interest on key community issues at all government levels.
- builds citizen participation in the democratic process.
- engages communities in promoting positive solutions to public policy issues through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters Education Fund is a nonpartisan public policy educational organization, which:

- builds citizen participation in the democratic process.
- studies key community issues at all government levels in an unbiased manner.
- enables people to seek positive solutions to public policy issues through education and conflict management.

We believe in:

- respect for individuals.
- the value of diversity.
- the empowerment of the grassroots, both within the League and in communities.
- the power of collective decision making for the common good.

We will:

- act with trust, integrity and professionalism.
- operate in an open and effective manner to meet the needs of those we serve, both members and the public.
- take the initiative in seeking diversity in membership.
- acknowledge our heritage as we seek our path to the future.

Proposed Order of Business



Thursday, May 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	LWVC Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Smart Voter Workshop
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Treasurer's Workshop
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	The 2012 Project Workshop
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Smart Voter Reception and Dinner
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Convention Registration Open

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. * Smart Voter Reception and Dinner
Bay View Room
(Advance reservation required)

Friday, May 13, 2011

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Marketplace Open (Closed during plenary sessions)
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Convention Registration Open
8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Parliamentary and Delegate Briefing
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Session Call to Order: Janis R. Hirohama, President Welcome to Convention/Greetings: Jennifer Matos, President of LWV Ventura County The Honorable Bill Fulton, Mayor of Ventura Introductions/Recognition Parliamentary Briefing: Joan Rich, Convention Parliamentarian Report of the Credentials Committee Adoption of the Rules of Convention (pp. 91) Adoption of the Order of Business (pp. 4) Appointment of Committees

Proposed Order of Business

Budget Adjustment Committee
Committee to Read Convention Minutes
Resolutions Committee
Elections Committee

President's Report: Janis R. Hirohama, President

Treasurer's Report (pp. 63): Barbara Boles, Treasurer

Presentation of Proposed Budget (pp. 66) (no debate):
Lee Aurich, Budget Chair

Announcements: Caroline deLlamas, Secretary

Recess

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. * Luncheon
Top of the Harbor
Speaker: Dr. Beverly Kelley – “100 Year Anniversary”
(Inclusive registration or advance reservation required)

1:45

Plenary Session

Call to Order

Introductions

Report of the Credentials Committee

Smart Voter Award

Report of the LWVC Nominating Committee (pp. 51):
Kate Quick, Nominating Committee Chair

Presentation of Proposed Program for 2011 - 2013:

Government:

Helen Hutchison, 2nd VP Advocacy and Program

Natural Resources:

Charolette Fox, Natural Resources Director

Social Policy:

Ellen Wheeler, Social Policy Director

Proposed Order of Business

Issues for Education and Advocacy:

Helen Hutchison, 2nd VP Advocacy and Program

Notice of Intent to Move Not-Recommended Items

(no motions or debate) Items must be in Program, pp. 46

Announcements: Caroline deLlamas, Secretary

Recess

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshops (pp. 16-17)

5:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Limoneira Ranch Farm Dinner or Dinner on your own
(Advance reservation required)

8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Workshops (pp. 18), Caucuses & Budget Q&A (pp. 22-23)

Saturday, May 14, 2011

6:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. No-Host Breakfast Buffet/Bar (Lobby)

7:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Workshops (pp. 19) & Caucuses (pp. 23-24)

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Marketplace Open
(Closed during plenary sessions)

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Convention Registration Open

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Parliamentarian available for consultation

9:00 a.m. Plenary

Call to Order

Introductions

Report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Previous Day's Actions:
Caroline deLlamas, Secretary

Roll Call of Local Leagues

Proposed Order of Business

Easy Voter Guide Partner Recognition:

Jacquie Brinkley, California State Library Programs
Linda Davis, 2nd Vice President, LWVCEF

Motions to Adopt Proposed Program:

Motions to Reaffirm Current Positions:

Government (pp. 37):

Helen Hutchison, 2nd VP Advocacy and Program

Natural Resources (pp. 39):

Charolette Fox, Natural Resources Director

Social Policy (pp. 40):

Ellen Wheeler, Social Policy Director

Motions to Adopt Recommended Issues
for Education and Advocacy

Motion to Adopt Proposed Update Study

Motions to Consider Not-Recommended Program Items
(Proposals must be in Program pp. 45-46)

Vote to Grant Consideration of
Not-Recommended Program Items

Program/Action Awards:

Helen Hutchison, 2nd VP Advocacy and Program

Member Services Awards:

Bonnie Hamlin, Member Services Director

Announcements: Caroline deLlamas, Secretary

Recess

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. * Luncheon

Top of the Harbor

Hon. Katcho Achadjian, 33rd District Assemblyman – “Civility In Politics”
(Inclusive registration or advance reservation required)

Proposed Order of Business

1:30 p.m.	Plenary
	Call to Order
	Report of the Credentials Committee
	Bylaws Amendments Presentation and Adoption (pp. 73-76): Caroline deLlamas, Secretary
	Program Discussion and Debate
	Budget Discussion and Debate
	Hon. Fiona Ma, California Assembly Speaker Pro Tem
	Announcements: Caroline deLlamas, Secretary
	Recess
3:15 p.m.	Deadline for Submitting Resolutions Expressing the Will of the Convention to the LWVC Secretary
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Workshops (pp. 19-21)
6:00 p.m.	Reception (Outside on the lanai)
7:00 p.m.	Banquet (Top of the Harbor)
9:30 p.m.	Caucuses/Special Meetings After Glow Gathering (pp. 25)

Sunday, May 15, 2011

6:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	No-Host Breakfast Buffet/Bar (Lobby)
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Marketplace Open (Closed during plenary sessions)
7:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Convention Registration Open
9:00 a.m.	Plenary
	Call to Order
	Report of the Credentials Committee
	Report of the Previous Day's Actions: Caroline deLlamas, Secretary

Proposed Order of Business

Voter Service Awards:

Thea Brodtkin, Voter Service Director, LWVCEF

Communications Awards:

Jenny Waggoner, Communications Director

Program Debate and Adoption

Budget Debate and Adoption

Presentation of the Will of the Convention Resolutions
(no debate)

Thank You to Local League Convention Committee:

Trudy Jarratt, 1st Vice President

Invitation to Council 2012 & Convention 2013:

Trudy Jarratt, 1st Vice President

Announcements: Caroline deLlamas, Secretary

Recess

<p>Noon – 1:15 p.m. * President's Lunch for Local League & ILO Presidents Advance reservation required.</p>

1:30 p.m.

Plenary

Call to Order

Report of the Credentials Committee

Debate and Vote on Will of Convention Resolutions

Election of Officers and Directors

Introduction of Newly Elected Officers,
Board of Directors, and Nominating Committee

Remarks by President-Elect

Guidance to the LWVC Board

Announcements: Caroline deLlamas, Secretary

2:45 p.m.

Adjourn

Special Events and Speakers



Keynote Speaker

Elisabeth MacNamara

President, LWVUS

Saturday, May 15, Banquet

Location: Top of the Harbor



Elisabeth MacNamara is the 18th president of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and chair of the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF). A longtime DeKalb County, Georgia resident, Ms. MacNamara was elected national League president in Atlanta during the League of Women Voters' 49th Biennial Convention and celebration of the organization's 90th anniversary.

Ms. MacNamara joined the League in 1983 and has since served in leadership roles at all levels—local, state and national. In 1983, she was invited to join the Board of directors of the League of Women of Georgia as the Courts/Criminal Justice chair. She served on the state Board until 1991, also serving as vice president for Program and as secretary. In 1984, she joined the Board of directors of the DeKalb League, serving as Courts/Criminal Justice chair, Education Committee chair, vice president, and secretary between 1984 and 1997. In 1997, she was president of the DeKalb League. Ms. MacNamara rejoined the Board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Georgia in 1999, and served as president of that Board beginning in 2001.

Professionally, Ms. MacNamara is an attorney, recently retired as deputy chief assistant district attorney in charge of the office's juvenile court division in DeKalb County. Prior to this promotion, she had served as assistant district attorney since 1986. Her interest in juvenile justice arose after years of volunteering for the public high school activities of her two sons, including mock trial, academic bowl, track, marching band and cross country. She has also served as a staff attorney for the National Center for State Courts and law clerk for the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

In addition to her decades-long volunteer service with the League, Ms. MacNamara has volunteered with the High School Mock Trial Program; the Band Parents Association of Lakeside High School; University of Georgia Parents and Families; and PTA.

Ms. MacNamara graduated from Emory University with a B.A. in 1976 and a J.D. in 1979. She is a proud member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and Pi Delta Epsilon, and has lived in DeKalb County, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta, since 1974.

Special Events and Speakers

Smart Voter Reception and Dinner

Thursday, May 12, 6:00 pm

Location: Bay View Room



The Smart Voter team is pleased to announce that Ventura Clerk and Recorder Mark Lunn will be the speaker at dinner. The dinner will be in the lovely Bay View Room overlooking the Pacific ocean.

In 2010, Mark A. Lunn was elected Ventura County's Clerk and Recorder, bringing to the office an agenda of reform and innovation to preserve the County's historical heritage, protect the public's personal documents and ensure elections are as fair as they are free.

As a law-enforcement professional he has worked as a California State policeman, a CHP officer and had a career specialty of protecting California governors, statewide officeholders and U.S. Presidents eventually becoming Commander of the Office of Dignitary Protection. In 2004 he was promoted to Assistant Chief, Coastal Division, overseeing seven field commands in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

An Adjunct Professor of Business and Law at Los Angeles Mission College, Chief Lunn conducted graduate studies at the University of La Verne where he holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and an Associate of Arts degree from Pasadena City College.

Hon. Mark Lunn, Ventura County Clerk and Recorder

Hon. Bill Fulton Mayor, Ventura

Friday, May 13, Opening Plenary

Location: San Miguel Room



At the opening of Plenary on Friday, Ventura Mayor Bill Fulton will welcome us to the beautiful city of Ventura.

Mayor Fulton is an author, urban planner, and politician. He is considered a leading advocate of the "Smart Growth" movement in urban planning. In 2009, he was named to Planetizen's list of "Top 100 Urban Thinkers".

He received journalism degrees from St. Bonaventure University and The American University in Washington, D.C. He later earned a master's degree in urban planning at UCLA and is best known as a commentator and expert on urban planning in California. He is the author of several books, including *Guide To California*

Special Events and Speakers

Planning, the standard textbook on urban planning in California. His book *The Reluctant Metropolis: The Politics of Urban Growth in Los Angeles* was a Los Angeles Times best-seller upon its publication in 1997. Publishers Weekly gave the book a starred review, calling it “a surprisingly lively case study of the battles and alliances of politics, business and people that formed — or deformed — a great American city.” He also co-authored *The Regional City: Planning for the End of Sprawl* with architect Peter Calthorpe, a founder of the New Urbanism movement.

From 2000 to 2008, Fulton ran Solimar Research Group, a consulting firm and think tank dealing with land use issues. Solimar was merged into the Berkeley-based planning consulting firm Design, Community & Environment, where Fulton is now a principal.

In addition, Fulton is a Senior Fellow at the School of Planning, Policy, & Development at the University of Southern California, where he teaches land use policy and smart growth. He is also the longtime publisher of the periodical California Planning & Development Report.

Beverly Merrill Kelley, Ph.D.

Ph.D., Professor of Communication,
California Lutheran University

Friday, May 13, Lunch

Location: Top of Harbor Room



Our speaker on Friday will be accomplished professor, author, and commentator Beverly Merrill Kelley, Ph.D, Professor of Communication at California Lutheran University. She will speak to us on the 100 year anniversary of California women having the right to vote.

Beverly Merrill Kelley, Ph.D., has taught communication courses in the department she founded at California Lutheran University for the past 34 years. She was elected Professor of the Year and helped to found both KCLU-FM radio and Educational Television for the Conejo. Her writing career has included publishing the Reelpolitik series of books on film and politics, serving as a columnist for the Ventura County Star for the past 12 years, writing 36 “Ventura County Perspective” columns for the Los Angeles Times, and authoring a number of scholarly articles. She managed a California State Assembly campaign in 1999. She is frequently invited to speak at public events, moderate debates, and to provide election analysis for radio, television, and newspapers. She has also had the pleasure of hosting both radio and television shows in which she was able to interview best-selling authors, Pulitzer Prize winners, Hollywood entertainers, breakthrough scientists, jazz legends, business leaders, and politicians from Governor Gray Davis to Senator Barbara Boxer.

Special Events and Speakers

Friday, May 13, 5:00 pm

Farm Dinner on Limoneira Ranch

Location: Meet in the Lobby



Dinner will feature 3 courses of seasonal and fresh, locally produced food created by Jason Collis of Jonathan's at Pierano's, a noted local chef, along with live music. Local wines will also be featured and available for purchase by the glass or bottle, along with Limoncello – a local version of the Italian lemon liqueur.

Hon. Katcho Achadjian

Saturday, May 15, Lunch

Assemblyman, District 33

Location: Top of the Harbor Room



Newly elected District 33 Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian will speak to us on Saturday to discuss why he has been successful in keeping civility in politics. Katcho, a long time League member, will also make suggestions on how League members can make a difference. The assemblyman was born in Lebanon to Armenian parents. He immigrated to the United States, where through hard work and perseverance he was able to pursue the American Dream.

A graduate of Cal Poly, Katcho has lived on the Central Coast since 1971. He proudly earned his United States Citizenship on December 17th, 1982. Katcho and his wife Araxie will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year. They have a son, Hratch, and a daughter, Nyri.

A dedicated community volunteer, Katcho has an exemplary record as a public servant to the community donating his time freely to worthwhile causes. He remains committed to giving back to a country and a community that have been so good to him. Katcho served as a San Luis Obispo County Supervisor for three terms and was a member from 2006 through 2010 of the California Coastal Commission.

As a California Assemblyman he is the Vice Chair of the Banking and Finance committee and serves as a member on the following committees: Higher Education; Transportation; and Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media.

Civility in politics has almost disappeared. League has an interest in supporting public officials who practice civility and to encourage and promote civility not only by elected officials but by members of the public. Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian has a history of conducting himself with dignity and civility in all of his dealings both as a public servant and a private citizen.

Special Events and Speaker

He recently was awarded a lifetime achievement award for his public service, mostly due to his ability to bring together groups with opposing positions to respectfully discuss an issue and come to compromise.

Hon. Fiona Ma
California Assembly Speaker Pro Tem

Saturday, May 14, Plenary
Location: San Miguel Room



Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Fiona Ma (Assemblywoman District 12) will speak to us during the Saturday afternoon Plenary.

In November 2006, Fiona Ma was elected to represent the people of California's 12th Assembly District. The district includes San Francisco, Daly City, Colma and Broadmoor. In 2010 she was elected to a third term.

In 2010, Speaker of the Assembly John A. Pérez appointed Assemblywoman Fiona Ma to the leadership position of Speaker pro Tempore. As presiding officer and member of the leadership team, Assemblywoman Ma guides Assembly Members through the daily business of the house, responds to parliamentary inquiries, issues rulings on points of order when necessary, and is responsible for guiding legislative priorities. She also serves on key committees including Agriculture, Business and Professions, Governmental Organization, Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security, and Utilities and Commerce.

Assemblywoman Ma serves as the Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Domestic Violence where she has worked on legislation to protect victims of domestic violence.

Workshops



Thursday Afternoon

Learning How You Can Harness the Power of Smart Voter

Thursday, May 12, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Anacapa Room

This afternoon-long workshop will be held before the Convention to provide you with a detailed introduction and instruction on how to use the powerful Smart Voter online platform to better serve the voting public in your community and gain high visibility for your local League voter service events!

The workshop will be useful both for League members who are new to Smart Voter and those who have experience with this unique information service. Experienced users will be briefed on the major new capabilities and features being deployed in Smart Voter 2.0. Attendees may select among two different instructional sessions during the afternoon based on their level of familiarity and experience with Smart Voter.

Ernie Ting, Senior Director for Smart Voter, LWVC and Carol Watts, Webmaster, LWVC

Workshop for League Treasurers

Thursday, May 13, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa Room

All the things you wanted to know to fulfill your role as the local League treasurer but were afraid to ask. Recordkeeping, Internal Controls simplified, Government Registrations and Filings, Taxes, and so much more!

Barbara Boles, Treasurer, LWVC, and Tom Carson, nominated Treasurer, LWVC

The 2012 Project - A Dialogue to Educate Women About the Impact They Can Have as Public Officials

Thursday, May 12, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Santa Cruz Room

The 2012 Project's presentation to League members is in no way assumed to be a League endorsement of any candidates who may eventually decide to run for office.

It is simply an opportunity to open up a dialogue to educate women about the impact they can have as public officials, inspire them to run, and connect them to existing resources once they decide to take the next step. The Project is entirely nonpartisan and has partnerships with elected officials and organizations from both political parties.

Susan Rose, Vice-Chair, Santa Barbara Human Rights Committee,
Former Santa Barbara County Supervisor

Workshops Friday

Friday Afternoon

Candidate Forums in the YouTube Era

Friday, May 13, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Santa Maria Room

There has been an unusual number of problems reported by local Leagues concerning the taping and unauthorized rebroadcasting of their candidate forums. What can we learn from their experiences and attempts to address these issues? Is there specific language to include on candidate agreement forms that can prevent potential problems? What warnings to the audience can be added to the introductory remarks made at the start of a candidate forum?

If written or oral prohibitions aren't enough, what does the law condone and/or prohibit? In this age of increasing use of videos on social networks and candidate websites, it is becoming more challenging than ever for local Leagues to maintain a reputation of nonpartisanship and fairness in their communities.

Professor David Fangundes,
Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles (copyright and intellectual property rights law)

Leaders! Leaders! We Need Leaders!

Friday, May 13, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Anacapa Room

Come to learn about and share ideas for developing the leadership your League needs. We will discuss different organizational models, how to identify potential leaders and the care and feeding of those willing to lead.

Robbie Davis, past LWVUS Nominating Committee Chair,
Lottie Fox, nominated Nominating Committee Chair, LWVC

The Federal Role in Public Education: Making it Local

Friday, May 13, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Bay View Room

Every local League should send a representative to this workshop. It is our goal to make your League life easier and your League's work more understandable as you prepare to participate in the current LWVUS study on the "Federal Role in Public Education." Joanne Leavitt, study co-chair, will present an overview of the study, introduce workshop attendees to newly released study materials, and share ideas for presenting those materials to your local Leagues. A guest speaker will provide more in-depth information on one or more aspects of the study. There will be time set aside for questions.

Barbara Inatsugu, Program Director for Education (PK-12), LWVC
Joanne Leavitt, Co-Chair, Education Study Committee, LWVUS
Professor Lawrence O. Picus, USC Rossier School of Education

After Citizens United, Is Local Campaign Finance Reform Possible?

Friday, May 13, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa Room

What is the status of local campaign finance reform in California? Can local Leagues continue to fight for clean elections and fair campaign financing?

We'll hear the status of campaign finance law in California, and hear examples of how local groups, including LWV Los Angeles, organized to help pass new reforms acts in their communities. Find out what your League can do.

Laurie Collins, LWV Glendale/Burbank, and LWVC Campaign Finance Legislative Consultant
Trent Lange, President, California Clean Money Campaign
Gail Maiorana, LWV Los Angeles

Demographics and Audience: Who Are You Trying to Reach?

Friday, May 13, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Santa Cruz Room

Are you trying to reach the general public? Diversity and empowerment are key values in a democracy, and in the League. We want everyone engaged! But does that mean all your communications should target everyone, all the time?

To be successful, your League needs to reach out to specific subsets of the general public through targeted materials and campaigns. If you try to appeal to everyone, you're likely to attract no one.

Through hands-on exercises, including web tools (bring your laptop – we will have Wi-Fi!), you will begin identifying the audiences in your community. Learn how knowing your audience will help you to make strategic choices about what activities will best fulfill the mission of your League in your own community. And once you've made those choices, knowing your audience can be used in practical ways to make those activities more successful (from fundraising to forums, speakers bureaus to signature gathering, membership drives to nominating committee recruitment).

Jenny Waggoner, Communications Director, LWVC,
Elizabeth Leslie, Communications Manager, LWVC

Workshops Friday

Friday Evening

Serving California Voters in the 21st Century - A Strategic Conversation about League Voter Service

Friday, May 13, 8:30 – 10:00 pm
Location: Santa Rosa Room

In 2009 a small group of League voter service workers was convened in response to an LWVC convention resolution requesting the state board to consider reinstating the “Pros and Cons” publication. In developing a package of recommended offerings on state propositions, the group considered some questions that also apply broadly to League’s voter service activities:

Which voters are we serving or not serving?

- Does the League offer something unique, compared to what is available to voters from other sources?
- What are the priorities for local Leagues?
- What are the priorities at the state level?
- Are local Leagues and the state League leveraging off the efforts of one another?
- Are we partnering with others to maximize our impact? What are the implications and opportunities offered by new technologies and demographic trends in California? Do we have the capacity to deliver well on all we are doing? If not, what are our options?

Come to this workshop and add your voice to an ongoing strategic dialogue that will help shape League voter service in California.

Linda R. Davis, VP Voter Service, LWVCEF, and Kathy Armstrong, nominated Director, LWVC

Legacy Gifts: Resources for Local Leagues on Planned Giving Fundraising

Friday, May 13, 8:30 – 10:00 pm
Location: Anacapa Room

Nearly a century of dedication from thousands of members is what makes the LWV a strong, well-respected force for citizen support of the democratic process. Many members are interested in continuing their legacy of service and support by providing for their local and/or state league through their estates. Unfortunately, most local Leagues don’t currently have the know-how or systems in place to receive legacy gifts.

Join us to learn the nuts and bolts of establishing a framework for planned gifts at the local level and ways the LWVC will support you along the way.

In this workshop, we’ll discuss:

- What is planned giving – definitions and common vehicles
- Why planned giving fundraising is important for your League to consider this year
- A checklist for what you need to get started
- How LWVC is planning to help your local League and what’s happening at the state level

Help make it easy for your members who want to leave a legacy to you by learning more about the fundamentals of planned giving.

Tom Carson, nominated Treasurer, LWVC and Diane Williams, nominated Director, LWVC

Workshops Saturday

Saturday Morning

Yes, You Can Grow Your League's Membership - Tips from Leagues That Have Done So!

Saturday, May 14, 7:15 – 8:45 am

Location: Santa Rosa Room

During this workshop you will have a chance to hear from and talk with representatives of Leagues that have experienced growth in their membership over the last two years. Participants will receive handouts and resource materials.

Phyllis Cassel, President, LWV Palo Alto; Bonnie Hamlin, Member Services Director, LWVC;
Nancy Nieboer, Vice President, LWV Humboldt County; Margo Reeg, President, LWV Whittier

Hot or Not: Does Your Local League Website Need a Makeover?

Saturday, May 14, 7:15 – 8:45 am

Location: Bay View Room

What do you think of the content on your local League Web site? Have you ever renewed your membership or made a donation online there? Do you know how many people visit your site, and what they are looking at? Have you ever promoted it, by linking to it from the comments of a popular local news article or blog? If you aren't visiting your local League site at least monthly, then it is not hot.

Every member (not just the Web master) needs to understand what makes a Web site successful. Come to this workshop to learn what you can do to make it better! This workshop is for board members, Web masters, and general members; everyone should have a stake in the quality of your site.

Jenny Waggoner, Communications Director, LWVC, Carol Watts, Administrator, LEW, and Elizabeth Leslie, Communications Manager, LWVC

Saturday Afternoon

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Nancy Nieboer, Vice President, LWV Humboldt County; Margo Reeg, President, LWV Whittier

Workshops Saturday

Legislative Reform: Has the Time Finally Come?

Saturday, May 14, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Location: Bay View Room

The California Legislature continues to have an extremely low approval rating. We keep hearing “the process is broken” and seem to be in a perpetual budget crisis.

We’ve just eliminated the two-thirds vote requirement for adopting the budget, but not for approving tax increases. Is piecemeal reform the way to go? Or is major reform the only thing that is going to work? An initiative modifying term limits has qualified for the ballot; will it improve matters? What about initiative reform? Where should the League focus its energy?

Helen Hutchison, VP Advocacy & Program, LWVC

Trudy Schafer, Senior Director for Program, LWVC

Sustainable Communities Strategies - SB 375

Saturday, May 14, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Santa Maria Room

SB 375 is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by ways of changes to land use and transportation development patterns. The State Air Resources Board has adopted targets per capita GHG reductions in 2020 and 2035. Many decisions will be made at the local level therefore it is important that local Leaguers are knowledgeable of the impacts of SB 375.

This is an important topic for Leagues throughout the State, as many decisions will be made at the local level – city, county and regional.

Linda Craig, moderator, Climate Change Program Director

Carl Morehouse, Council member, Ventura, and member of SCAG

Linda Parks, County Supervisor, Ventura County, member of CARB Target Advisory Committee

Workshops Saturday

Watching My City: Exposing the Secrets of Local Government

Saturday, May 14, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa Room

The election is over. You've held all the candidate forums, published wonderful candidate guides. Now how do you help the community hold those local elected officials to their campaign promises?

Come and learn how to put together great issues forums, how to use an Observer Corps and public information audits, and how to work with local allied organizations, including (and especially) the press. Bring your examples of local issues and we'll apply some good League solutions.

Chris Carson, Program Director, LWVC

Innovative Voter Service Partnerships

Saturday, May 14, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Santa Cruz Room

Hear about innovative voter service partnerships at both the state and local level that are expanding the League's ability to connect with traditionally underserved audiences. Our community college partners will talk about the inaugural statewide Why Vote video contest, and how it's being expanded for the June election. Library partners will review the new videos and workshop co-created with the LWVCEF for Fall 2010 and how that's being updated for 2011 and 2012. Head Start and RxDemocracy will report on their comprehensive partnerships with the LWVCEF that included voter registration, education and engagement.

Find out how your local League can leverage these partnerships with your local community college, your library and local adult literacy program, Head Start and health clinic to reach more young voters and new voters.

Leslie Smith, Assoc. Vice Chancellor, San Francisco City College

Jacquie Brinkley, California State Library Programs, California State Library

Rick Mockler, Executive Director, Head Start

Rishi Manchanda, Rx Democracy

Elizabeth Leslie, Communications Manager, LWV California

Caucuses and Other Meetings



Friday Morning

Parliamentary and Delegate Briefing

Friday, May 13, 8:45 – 9:30 am

Location: Anacapa Room

Convention Parliamentarian and past LWVC President Joan Rich will give a brief overview of parliamentary procedures and answer your questions. First Vice President Trudy Jarratt will answer your questions about being a convention delegate.

Joan Rich, Parliamentarian, LWVC, and Trudy Jarratt, First Vice President, LWVC

Friday Evening

Budget Q&A

Friday, May 13, 8:30 – 10:00 pm

Location: Santa Maria Room

Come and join us, as the Budget Committee will be available to answer your questions regarding the proposed FY2011-12 budget. It is important that our members understand the budget, which reflects the operating plan of the LWVC.

Lee Aurich, Budget Chair, LWVC, and Budget Committee Members

Smart Voter Demonstration on Learning

Friday, May 13, 8:30 – 10:00 pm

How to Harness Smart Voter

Location: Santa Cruz Room

This session will be held during Convention to provide you with an overview and demonstration of the powerful new Smart Voter online platform that you can use to better serve the voting public in your community and gain high visibility for your local League voter service events!

The session will be useful both for League members who are new to Smart Voter and those who are familiar with this unique information service. Experienced users will be introduced to the major new capabilities and features being deployed in Smart Voter 2.0.

Ernie Ting, Senior Director for Smart Voter

Caucuses and Other Meetings

Warm Bodies or Willing Participants; Best Practices for Nominating Committees

Friday, May 13, 8:30 – 10:30 pm
Location: San Miguel - B

We will discuss what problems Leagues are having finding committee members, share ideas for recruitment, use tools, etc.; and to develop a resource for LWVC board recruitment. Local League nominating committee members should attend.

Lottie Fox, Natural Resources Director, LWVC

CAUCUS - Election Systems Concurrence and More

Friday, May 13, 8:30 – 10:30 pm
Location: Bay View Room

What does it mean to support the “principle of proportionality?” What is Instant Runoff Voting and how did it elect Oakland’s Mayor?

What is the update on the “National Popular Vote” for president bill?

Let’s talk about how these ideas can impact voter participation and the principle of representative government.

Bring any questions about the concurrence vote. Guest speaker will be Michael Latner, Political Science Dept at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a League panel to answer questions about IRV campaign in Oakland and IRV efforts in Los Angeles.

Paula Lee, LWV El Dorado County

Mike Latner, PhD, Political Science Dept., Cal Poly University

Saturday Morning

CAUCUS - Health Care

Saturday, May 14, 7:15 – 8:45 am
Location: Anacapa Room

SB 810. National health care reform. Single payer health care. Health insurance exchange. Where is the League active, and where should we be active on health reform in California?

The Healthcare Committee, and Helen Hutchison, 2nd VP for Advocacy and Program, LWVC

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CAUCUS - Redistricting: Let's Finish What We Started! Saturday, May 14, 7:15 – 8:45 am
Location: San Miguel - B

LWVC should continue their efforts to see redistricting through the conclusion of this 2011 cycle. Get an update on what still needs to be done and how the League can contribute to positive outcomes that we have worked decades to achieve.

Chris Carson, Program Director for Redistricting, LWVC
Suzanne Stassevitch, Community Education Director, LWVC

CAUCUS - Water - Myths and Misperceptions Saturday, May 14, 7:15 – 8:45 am
Location: Santa Cruz Room

Local Leaguers are invited to a dialogue to promote better understanding of issues across California's diverse hydrologic regions. Come prepared to discuss facts vs myths in your region.

Lottie Fox, Natural Resources Director, LWVC,
Roberta Borgonovo and Wendy Phillips, Program Directors for Water, LWVC

A Conversation About Our Future Saturday, May 14, 7:15 – 8:45 am
Location: Santa Maria Room

State board members invite you to come and discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the League, including the budget, the Easy Voter Guide Project, and the hiring of a new executive director. Bring your questions, concerns, and ideas.

Current LWVC board members

Consultations with Parliamentarian Saturday, May 14, 7:15 – 8:45 am
Location: San Miguel Room

Joan Rich, Parliamentarian

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Saturday Evening

CAUCUS - Adopting a California Criminal Justice Position by Concurrence

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 – 11:00 pm
Location: Anacapa Room

What Price Incarceration? - California Department of Corrections (only??) and Rehabilitation (when??)

With the changing political landscape and the new emphasis on changing some of our old conceptions of incarceration vs. rehabilitation, there is a potential to save the state substantial amounts of money and rebuild the lives of many involved in the California prison system. The League of Women Voters needs to have a place at the table to work on solutions to resolve the overcrowding, the federal receivership mandates, the “realignment” plans. Nationwide there are thirty states who have already addressed their correctional systems. Let’s start with a concurrence on the great work they have done so that we too can participate in this vitally important part of our state’s organization.

Jean Thomson and Charlotte Pirch



The After Glow Gathering: 100 Year Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 – 11:00pm
Location: Bay View Room

Come by and share what your local League is doing or has done to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of California women having the right to vote. Bring pictures! If your League has not yet done anything come along to learn about what other Leagues have done or are planning to get ideas for your own celebration. There is much to celebrate and to be proud of over the last 100 years. October 10 will mark exactly 100 years since the 1911 election. There is still time to plan a very special event.

Suzanne Stassevitch, Jenny Waggoner, Charolette Fox, and Trudy Jarratt, LWVC Board Members

Resolutions Committee

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 – 11:00 pm
Location: Santa Cruz Room

Resolutions Committee Members

Budget Q&A - Budget Adjustment Committee

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 – 11:00pm
Location: Santa Maria Room

Budget Adjustment Committee

PROGRAM AND STRATEGIC VISION, 2011-2013



The program planning process is an opportunity to think strategically about the work of the League as a statewide organization. We must consider where there is the most need, where we will be most effective, and what activities best serve our mission. And we must also consider the indirect impact of these choices, particularly on membership recruitment and retention, fundraising, and our reputation—all of which are crucial to the future of your local League as well as that of the LWVC.

Overview

Delegates at the LWVC Convention 2011 will adopt the LWVC Program for 2011–2013 as the final step in the program planning process that started last November. The proposed program encompasses the LWVC Program Positions, a study to update the Initiative and Referendum Process position, and the LWVC Issues for Education and Advocacy. A full listing of program ideas submitted by local Leagues is included on pages 45-46.

LWVC PROGRAM POSITIONS. All current LWVC positions are recommended for re adoption. The positions are summarized under the headings of Government, Natural Resources, and Social Policy on pages 37-41 of this workbook.

LWVC STUDIES AND POSITION UPDATES. No new study is recommended. 47 of the 58 Leagues (88 percent) that participated specifically recommended no new state study.

An update study of the Initiative and Referendum Process position is recommended on page 42. Twenty-three of the 58 Leagues (40 percent) that participated in the program planning process recommended an update of this position.

LWVC ISSUES FOR EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY. Three issues for education and advocacy are proposed on pages 42-43 for concerted local and state-level action and community education. The LWVC board, keeping in mind League financial and volunteer resources, is recommending the three issues that best reflect input received from the local Leagues who participated in program planning activities as well as the League's current ongoing activities and League strength in issues related to democracy, voting, and civic engagement. The methods used to justify the LWVC board's recommendation can be found on pages 45-46.

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Process

Members of 57 Leagues and one ILO (72 percent of the Leagues in California) participated in the program planning process for 2011–2013. The results were presented to the LWVC board for its consideration and recommendation.

At the convention, the presentation of the proposed program will occur on Friday. Delegates may give notice of their intent to move consideration of not-recommended items following the presentation of the proposed program. There are no votes or debate at this time.

On Saturday, a motion to adopt each recommended item will be made by a member of the LWVC board. No second is necessary. Questions for clarification will be allowed at that time.

Motions to consider not-recommended items may be made on Saturday; these require a second. Only motions pertaining to items proposed in program planning by local Leagues, as indicated in the list on pages 45–46, are appropriate. Motions to consider occur without debate except for a statement by the maker of the motion. The votes to allow consideration of not-recommended items will be taken after all motions have been made, in the order in which the motions were presented.

Discussion and debate take place on Saturday afternoon on both the LWVC board-recommended program and on all not-recommended program items that have been voted consideration. Final program debate and adoption will occur on Sunday.

A majority vote is required to adopt recommended program items, while a three-fifths vote is required to adopt program items that are not recommended by the board. Adoption of program priorities implies a commitment of time and resources of staff, the LWVC board of directors and local Leagues.

Adoption of new positions: The state board reviews consensus and adopts new program positions after a study is completed. Convention delegates adopt new positions in the same manner as they readopt existing program items.

Specific positions under current program: Only position summaries of current program items can be modified, deleted, or adopted by convention delegates. The state board may recommend deletion of all or part of a specific position if it perceives a lack of member support or understanding.

If you have questions regarding the procedures outlined above, please contact Helen Hutchison, Vice President for Advocacy and Program (hhutchison@lwvc.org).

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Program Adoption at a Glance

PROPOSED PROGRAM (RECOMMENDED ITEMS)	NOT-RECOMMENDED ITEMS
Friday, May 13	
Proposed program presented by board	Delegates may give notice of intent to move for consideration (optional).
<i>No questions for clarification, motions or debate.</i>	<i>No questions for clarification, motions or debate.</i>
Saturday, May 14	
Board members move adoption of the proposed program (see pages 37-43).	Delegates may move for consideration of not-recommended items. (Items must be listed on pages 45-46, to be considered.)
<i>Questions for clarification one minute. No debate or amendments.</i>	<i>Questions for clarification one minute. No debate or amendments. Vote for consideration; majority vote required.</i>
Discussion and debate on program proposals.	Discussion and debate on program proposals granted consideration
Sunday, May 15	
Debate and vote on proposed program.	Debate and vote on items granted consideration on Saturday.
<i>Majority vote required to adopt.</i>	<i>Voted in the order granted consideration. Three-fifths vote required to adopt.</i>

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Program Glossary

Use of the following League terms will help to avoid confusion and misunderstanding during discussion and debate of program.

CONCURRENCE	Members are asked to agree with a statement or position held by another League or recommended by a League board or study committee. The statement must be approved or rejected as written.
CONSENSUS	Substantial member agreement; the sense of the group rather than a majority opinion.
ISSUE FOR EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY	An issue/topic adopted by convention delegates as a program item on which state and local Leagues will mutually focus their efforts. May include concerted action using existing state or national positions, and/or community education on selected issues.
LIMITED STUDY	A new study with a narrow scope and usually of short duration.
NOT-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM	Issues of interest to a number of members but not receiving enough support to appear on the proposed program.
POSITION	The stand of the League on a public policy issue and the basis for action.
POSITION UPDATE	A study of limited scope to reevaluate an existing League position in light of new information, changed circumstance and/or conflict with another position. The goal is consideration of a change in position. Any new position resulting from an update is adopted by the appropriate board and affirmed by the convention or annual meeting.
PROGRAM	Governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.
VERTICAL POSITION	LWVUS, LWVC or ILO (Inter-League Organization) positions are designated as vertical if they may be used as the basis of action at other levels of League without prior permission.

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RECOMMENDED PROGRAM	Subjects that reflect the thinking of most of the members in the state and are recommended by the appropriate board for adoption.
REVIEW	Members ask the board for evaluation of a current position for clarity, relevance, effectiveness. No change is made in the position statement.
SCOPE	Definition of the limits of a study and possible areas of exploration, developed by the study committee and approved by the appropriate board.
STUDY	The process of gathering information for discussion by members with the aim of reaching consensus and establishing a position.
VERTICAL POSITION	LWVUS, LWVC or ILO (Inter-League Organization) positions are designated as vertical if they may be used as the basis of action at other levels of League without prior permission.

Study Process

In December 2006, the LWVC Education Fund board adopted new policies for adopting and conducting state League studies. The policies address the need for effective planning, securing of funding, and preparation of the study committee, as well as the need to fit the calendar for a study into the ongoing work of local Leagues. These new procedures, as revised in November 2010, were included in the Program Planning Kit and are below.

LWVCEF Study Process: Study Committee Responsibilities

Revised November 2010

[Note: Throughout this document, the word “study” may be taken to indicate either a full study to create a new position or an update of an existing position.]

1. Normally, only one state study should be adopted at any convention.
2. Ideally, a state study will be a three-year process to avoid education and consensus activity interference with local Leagues’ work during the federal election cycle. Any request for a shorter or longer timeline must be reviewed and approved by the LWVCEF board. The time frame may not be changed once the study is in process.
3. An exploratory study committee that wishes to have its topic considered for recommendation by the LWVCEF board at convention must submit the following items as part of the program planning process:
 - Rationale for the study
 - A proposed budget for the study
 - Expected source of funding for the project must be presented to the executive director and the LWVCEF board and approved in advance. All applications for funding must be presented to the board and approved in advance. *[The LWVCEF can provide historical cost information.]*
 - Proposed study committee members and chair
 - Outline of the study’s proposed scope
 - Names of local Leagues that back the study and pledge to participate in the consensus.
4. When a study is adopted at a convention (for either a recommended or non-recommended item), the following items must be completed within six months (by the November board meeting following adoption). If these items are not completed on time, it will be up to the discretion of the LWVCEF board whether to allow the study to proceed.
 - Submission of sufficient qualified names for the official study committee and its chair

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- Attendance by the official study committee at a training session conducted by the LWVCEF board and/or staff detailing the fiscal and organizational responsibilities of all parties involved in the study. Consensus question framing would also be covered.
 - Development by the study committee of a more detailed scope of the study
 - Development by the study committee of the proposed schedule for the study, including deliverables
 - Development by the study committee of the proposed budget and funding sources for the study. *[Again, the LWVCEF can help by providing historical data.]*
 - Acquisition of funds for a non-recommended study. *[LWVCEF staff are not responsible for fundraising for a non-recommended study, except to provide the customary material attached to a grant proposal. A nominal amount of “seed money” will be provided in the LWVCEF budget to allow for startup costs for a non-recommended item. Study fundraising strategies must be presented to the executive director and LWVCEF board, with potential funders approved in advance. All applications for funding must be presented to the board and approved in advance.]*
5. The study committee is encouraged to send a reading list to the point person in each local League very early—even while the study kit is still under development.
6. The study kit must go out to local Leagues a minimum of nine months prior to the consensus due date to allow for local League scheduling.

Sample Timeline for a Three Year State Study Adopted May 2011

Revised November 2010

[This schedule is intended to be very rough and allows a lot of leeway. It tries to take into account the “down” time that most local Leagues experience over the summer and around the holidays. Most importantly, it avoids the ongoing conflict between the study’s education and consensus process and local League responsibilities relating to the Federal election cycle.]

May 2011: Study is adopted at convention

May 2011—October 2011: Study committee is selected and trained; study scope, schedule, and budget are developed, board approves funding source and application, and funding is obtained

November 2011: The LWVCEF board gives go-ahead for study to begin

November 2011—June 2012: Study committee conducts research and develops consensus questions and study kit; sends out a reading list to local Leagues, along with suggested resources and/or activities; local Leagues form their own study committees

July 2012: The LWVCEF board approves study kit and consensus questions

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August 2012—February 2013: Study committee distributes study kit to local Leagues and begins the process of educating local Leagues through other means—e.g., LWVC VOTER articles; local Leagues form their own study committees

March—May and October—November 2013: Local Leagues educate their members and conduct consensus meetings

January 2014—February 2014: Study committee crafts draft position based on local League Consensus Reports

March 2014: Study committee presents draft position to the LWVC board for review/editing

March 2014—April 2014: Study committee revises position based on the LWVC board input

May 2014: Position is adopted at LWVC board meeting so that action may begin

May 2015: Position is formally ratified by members at convention along with the rest of the LWVC program

LWVCEF Study Process: Board/Staff Responsibilities

Revised November 2010

1. Create a budget that includes the necessary board-approved funding sources for a board-recommended study or, alternatively, seed money for a possible non-recommended study, for the fiscal year following each convention. The board must approve potential funders in advance. The board must approve all applications for funding in advance.
2. Create and moderate a program planning list-serve for use by local League members.
3. Create an application form and “vetting” process for the members of any study committee—especially the chair. Qualifications would include:
 - League experience
 - Expertise in the area of the study
 - Project management experience, including writing skills
 - Time availability over the life of the study
 - Lack of bias toward a desired outcome.
4. Exercise final approval over the creation of the study committee, which ideally would consist of at least nine qualified members plus its chair.

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5. Provide historical data to the study committee to allow for realistic budgetary and scheduling activity.
6. Present recommendations for hiring of part-time, temporary staff to support the study committee so that ongoing LWVC operations will not be jeopardized. *[These recommendations would assist the study committee in budgeting and in planning their fund-raising strategy, which must be board-approved before contacting potential funding sources.]*
7. Develop and conduct a training session for study committee members that covers, in great detail, the roles and responsibilities of all participants in the study process. Also, ensure that the study committee has copies of and has reviewed relevant League publications such as *Writing for League*.
8. Commit the necessary LWVC Program Committee time and effort to provide ongoing supervision of, documentation of, and punctual reporting on the study committee and its work, especially:
 - Completion of “deliverables” by the scheduled dates
 - Adherence to budget and to financial reporting procedures
 - Issues of attrition or non-participation by study committee members.

Emphasis should be on early detection and resolution of problems.

9. Resolve to be willing to “pull the plug” on a study if ongoing problems are not addressed—e.g., schedules are not met, quality of research and analysis are not acceptable, study committee is non-functional, or too much staff time is being used to the detriment of the LWVC ongoing work.
10. Provide continual, repeated education of local Leagues about these procedures.

Concurrence Policy

Procedures for adopting a position by concurrence were published in the Program Planning Kit and are below. If a League does intend to propose adoption of a position by concurrence, notice must be sent to all local Leagues 30 days prior to the start of convention with the required information. A copy of the notice and information must be given to all delegates.

If needed, Leagues may request assistance from the LWVC program director in whose portfolio the concurrence position would fall.

LWVC/LWVCEF Concurrence Policy

Approved March 13, 2011

Originally Adopted by the LWVC Board of Directors March 12, 1995

The definition of concurrence in *In League* is:

Concurrence is the act of agreeing with—or concurring with—a statement of position. A decision-making technique used by the League for some time, concurrence can work several ways.

Groups of League members or League boards can concur with

- 1) recommendations of a resource committee or a unit group;*
- 2) decision statements formulated by League boards; or*
- 3) positions reached by another League or Leagues.*

As a general rule, background materials presenting the pros and cons on the issue being considered are provided to Leagues and members in the concurrence process.

To ensure that all delegates to LWVC conventions are given adequate notice that they will be asked to consider adoption of a position by concurrence and that they will feel they are casting an informed vote, the following procedure will be followed:

- Local League(s) must submit as one of their recommended issues for state program planning the adoption of a new position by concurrence. It could be something such as “adopt a new state position on xxxx by concurring with another League’s existing position.” This is the method by which the issue will be on the list of not-recommended items, and at the time of convention will be eligible to be moved for consideration.
- The local League or individual members who plan to move for adoption of a new position by concurring with a current position of another League or ILO must notify all local League presidents of this not later than 30 days prior to the start of convention. If requested in time, the LWVC office will provide mailing labels for the presidents, but it is the responsibility of the individuals or local Leagues to mail the notice recommending concurrence.

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- The notice to local League presidents will contain the following information:
 - the position the delegates will be asked to adopt
 - the name of the League whose position it is; when the study was done; a succinct but complete description of the extent of the study; and instances of application of the position
 - any other Leagues or ILOs that have a similar position, in order to indicate the present extent of member understanding of the issue.
- The League or members who plan to move consideration of the concurrence should come to convention prepared to give a copy of the notice with the above information to all delegates.
- The Convention Workbook should be consulted for instructions on moving a not-recommended item for consideration. Passage of a not-recommended item requires an affirmative vote by three-fifths of the delegates.
- Any needed assistance may be requested from the LWVC program director in whose portfolio the concurrence position would fall.

Proposing a Not-Recommended Item

The Convention Rules in this Convention Workbook (see page 91) should be consulted for instructions on moving a not-recommended item for consideration. Passage of a not-recommended item requires an affirmative vote by three-fifths of the delegates present and voting.

Proposed Program 2011-2013



Proposed Program Positions in Brief, 2011-2013

The state board recommends that all existing program positions be retained.

Government

CAMPAIGN FINANCING: adopted 1973; updated 1976

Support state campaign finance practices for candidates and advocates of ballot measure positions that will ensure full disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures and enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office.

CONSTITUTION: adopted 1957; updated 1965-67

Support measures to secure an orderly and simplified State Constitution; provisions that enable the legislature to deal with state problems efficiently, flexibly, and with responsibility clearly fixed; and constitutional guarantee of equal representation of all citizens in both houses of the state legislature.

ELECTION SYSTEMS: adopted 2001; amended by concurrence 2003

Support election systems for executive offices, both at the state and local levels, that require the winner to receive a majority of the votes, as long as the majority is achieved using a voting method such as Instant Runoff Voting, rather than a second, separate runoff election.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROCESS: adopted 1984; updated 1999

Support citizens' right of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum process.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS: adopted 1981

Support an efficient, effective, and equitable balance of responsibility and authority among the levels of government with accountability to the public.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES: adopted 1998

Support a public library system as a basic community service with a long-term, assured, stable and adequate funding source.

Support access by all persons to public library services as a major source of knowledge and information necessary for informed, active participation in a democratic society.

Proposed Program

REDISTRICTING: adopted 1988; amended 2007

Support a state redistricting process and standards that promote fair and effective representation in the state legislature and in the House of Representatives with maximum opportunity for public scrutiny.

Support an independent commission as the preferred redistricting body.

STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES: adopted 1969; updated 1975; new positions 1976, 1977, 1981, 1995

Support measures to ensure revenues both sufficient and flexible enough to meet changing needs for state and local government services; that contribute to a system of public finance that emphasizes equity and fair sharing of the tax burden as well as adequacy; that include long range finance methods that meet current and future needs while taking into account the cumulative impact of public debt.

Support a process that maintains statutory authority over tax sources, rates and tax expenditures; that makes limited use of direct voting by the public on revenue measures; and that allows adoption of revenue and finance measures by a simple majority vote.

Support the distribution of revenue sources between state and local governments in a manner to ensure adequate, equitable and flexible funding of public programs based on the responsibilities and requirements of each and that emphasizes accountability.

Support an equitable, broad-based local property tax, easy and economical to administer, producing adequate revenue, with limitations on the types of services it funds.

Support assessment practices and policies that are equitable, accurate, easy to understand and well publicized, with like properties treated uniformly.

VOTING RIGHTS: adopted 1972; reviewed 1986

Support measures that will protect every citizen's right to vote and ensure government's responsibility to protect this right through regulations and procedures that encourage an informed and active electorate.

Proposed Program

Natural Resources

AGRICULTURE: adopted 1983

Support policies that recognize agricultural land as a limited resource that must be preserved for the economic and physical well-being of California and the nation. Appropriate agricultural land should be identified and its long-term protection should be based on regulatory and incentive programs that include comprehensive planning, zoning measures, and other preservation techniques. State policy that affects agriculture should ensure the conservation of soil and water resources through incentives coupled with penalties for noncompliance.

AIR QUALITY: adopted 1971; updated 1973 Support measures to establish air quality standards that will protect the public health and welfare, and the development of effective enforcement and implementation procedures at each level of government to attain these standards.

ENERGY: adopted 1978; updated 1980 and 2006, amended 2007

Support development of a state energy policy that will ensure reliability of energy resources and protection of the environment and public health and safety, at reasonable customer rates, giving primary consideration to conservation and energy efficiency. State government should provide an efficient, coordinated energy administrative structure with open transparent procedures.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: adopted 1986 and 1987

Support comprehensive measures to provide maximum protection to human health and the environment from the adverse effects of hazardous materials, including pesticides. An integrated approach should be taken to prevent harmful exposures through soil, surface and groundwater contamination, bio-accumulation, air pollution and direct contact. Hazardous materials planning should promote pollution prevention. All levels of government share responsibility for preventing exposure.

LAND USE: adopted 1975

Support state land use planning that recognizes land as a resource as well as a commodity. The state should establish guidelines and standards for land areas of more than local concern. Decisions for these areas should be made at the lowest level of government feasible, but should be subject to state review. Citizens must have a meaningful participation in land use planning and regulation.

SOLID WASTE: adopted 1973

Support measures to assure environmentally sound and efficient solid waste management, to reduce the generations of wastes, to encourage resource recovery, and to increase the demand for secondary materials.

Proposed Program

TRANSPORTATION: adopted 1981; revised 1985; new position 1991

Support a transportation system to move people and goods that: includes a variety of transportation modes, with emphasis on increased public transportation services and other viable alternatives to reduce vehicle miles traveled; is efficient, convenient, and cost-effective; is safe and secure; serves all segments of the population and diverse geographic needs; minimizes harmful effects on the environment; is integrated with land use; and is supported by extensive public education.

WATER: adopted 1959; updated 1961, 1967, 1971, 1979

Support measures that promote the management and development of water resources in ways that are beneficial to the environment with emphasis on conservation and high standards of water quality that are appropriate for the intended use.

Social Policy

CHILDREN AND FAMILY ISSUES: adopted 1995

Support for the principles that all children are entitled to safe, nurturing care and that caring for children is a societal as well as a family responsibility.

Support programs and policies that would effectively coordinate and integrate services that meet basic human needs, prevent or reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

CHILD CARE: adopted 1989

Support state and local policies, legislation and programs that meet the need for accessible, affordable, and quality childcare.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM: adopted 2003

Support a statewide community college system with sufficient resources to fulfill its overall goal: to offer all Californians access to a quality higher education.

Resources should be stable, accommodate all enrolling students, be fairly distributed among the college districts, and provide opportunities for long-range planning.

Governance should allow greater authority within the system itself with local districts making key decisions about mission priorities to meet community needs.

EDUCATION: PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12: adopted 1973; updated 1985 and 2005

Support a comprehensive pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade public education system that meets the needs of each individual student; challenges all students to reach their highest potential; and develops patterns of lifelong learning and responsible citizenship. Support improvements in public education, based on access with both equitable and sufficient opportunities to learn for all students.

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Support a system of public education funding that is adequate, flexible, equitable, reliable and sustainable; derived from a combination of revenue sources; and distributed fairly to support access and equitable opportunities for all students.

Support formulating broad general guidelines at the state level, with flexibility at the local level for developing and implementing program.

HOUSING: adopted 1970; updated 1973, 1993

Support equal opportunity in housing.

Support measures to provide state programs to increase the supply of safe, decent, and adequate housing for all Californians.

Support action at all levels of government for the provision of affordable housing for all Californians.

JUVENILE JUSTICE/DEPENDENCY: adopted 1997 and 1999

Support a juvenile justice/dependency system that works to prevent child abuse and neglect and juvenile delinquency, that serves foster children and their families and status offenders, and that rehabilitates juvenile offenders, by promoting the safety and well-being of children and helping to prepare them for productive participation in society.

Support early identification of at-risk children and families followed by appropriate referrals to services that work with children, youth, families and schools.

Support community efforts to provide safe supportive environments for children and their families and institutions that respect them and promote non-violent solutions to problems.

Support the rights and best interests of the child in preference to those of any other individual.

LEGAL AID: adopted 1971; revised 1983

Support measures that will enable the judicial system of the state to provide for all citizens adequate access to legal services. Support adequately funded, government supported legal assistance programs that provide legal aid to those unable to pay.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE: adopted 1998

Support an adequately funded mental health care system that provides comprehensive services to the acutely, chronically and seriously mentally ill of all ages; maintains optimal mental health services for all clients; places emphasis on meeting the needs of children; offers mental health services for the homeless; seeks additional funds for preventive services; implements a master plan to integrate services; raises awareness of critical unmet needs; and emphasizes case management.

Proposed Program

PROPOSED UPDATE STUDY

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROCESS POSITION UPDATE

Public interest in the use—and possible abuse—of the initiative and referendum in California continues to run high. During program planning, members expressed interest in an update study of our current position to address gaps in its coverage and aspects on which there may no longer be member understanding and agreement. The state board recommends that an update study of the Initiative and Referendum Process be adopted. The last update of this position was done in 1997-1999.

A study committee would be appointed by the state board and immediately asked to develop a scope and budget. The state board would then work with the committee to find funding for that budget through a combination of donations and grants.

Proposed Issues for Education and Advocacy

I. REDISTRICTING IMPLEMENTATION

The redistricting process in California will be reaching its peak activity during the summer and fall of 2011. The League of Women Voters of California has been involved in the redistricting reform effort from the beginning and is committed to staying with this process until it is fully completed. We will continue to monitor and provide input to the new Citizens Redistricting Commission and will encourage similar local League efforts to shine a light on local redistricting. We will work to raise awareness and public participation in the redistricting process by supporting local League community education events around the state and providing resources and training for Leagues to share with their members and their communities. In addition, the League will use the knowledge gained from our observers and others to comment on the need for potential changes in the redistricting process that follows the 2020 census.

II. STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES including education about California's financing of education

There is strong LWVC membership interest in state and local finances, as shown in the program planning results, as well as a strongly perceived need for public education about the state's finances, including a special interest in the financing of public education. We will make a variety of materials and training available to local Leagues and focus on keeping our Web sites current with user-friendly information about state finances. We will continue to advocate at the legislature and through ballot measures for reforms in the state budget process and revenue system and will support local League action in their communities.

III. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM: COMMUNITY EDUCATION

This is proposed as a separate but parallel emphasis to an initiative and referendum update study. There is strong public interest in initiative and referendum reform and a desire for good, nonpartisan information that Leagues can use in publications, on their Web sites, and in community programs. The material that is developed for a League study can, with some careful editing, be made into this public information material. It is hoped that there will be at least one person willing to work alongside a study committee to create good community education from the study material.

A Note about Other Issues

Substantial interest was indicated for Education and Water as issues for education and advocacy. The interest in education can be pursued through the state and local finances issue and by participation in the LWVUS study on education that is currently underway. Likewise, water will not be neglected. There is a very active LWVC water group which will continue to be active, at least until the water bond has been voted on in 2012.

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Local League Participation

The following 57 Leagues and one inter-League organization (ILO) participated in Program Planning for 2011-2013.

LWV Alameda	LWV Long Beach Area	LWV Salinas Valley
LWV Beach Cities	LWV Los Altos/Mountain View Area	LWV San Bernardino
LWV Benecia	LWV Los Angeles	LWV San Diego
LWV Berkeley/Albany/ Emeryville	Los Angeles ILO	LWV San Francisco
LWV Capistrano Bay Area	LWV Marin County	LWV San Joaquin County
LWV Claremont Area	LWV Mendocino County	LWV San Jose/Santa Clara
LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale	LWV Merced County	LWV San Luis Obispo County
LWV Davis	LWV Monterey Peninsula	LWV Santa Barbara
LWV Diablo Valley	LWV North and Central San Mateo County	LWV Santa Cruz County
LWV East San Diego County	LWV North Coast San Diego Co.	LWV Santa Monica
LWV East San Gabriel Valley	LWV North Orange County	LWV Sonoma County
LWV Eden Area	LWV Northwest Riverside County	LWV South San Mateo County
LWV El Dorado County	LWV Oakland	LWV Southwest Santa Clara Valley
LWV Escondido	LWV Orange Coast	LWV Stanislaus County
LWV Fremont/Newark/ Union City	LWV Palo Alto	LWV Torrance
LWV Fresno	LWV Pasadena Area	LWV Tulare County
LWV Glendale/Burbank	LWV Piedmont	LWV Ventura County
LWV Humboldt County	LWV Placer County	LWV Whittier
LWV Kern County	LWV Redding Area	
LWV Livermore/Amador Valley	LWV Sacramento County	

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Tabulation of Recommended and Not-Recommended Items

The recommendations that the LWVC board received from participating Leagues are tabulated below, with separate sections for League studies and for Issues for Education and Advocacy.

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

(Motions to adopt will be made by members of the LWVC board.)

1. Retain all existing LWVC program positions
2. No new state study, or concurrence
3. Update study for Initiative and Referendum Process
4. Proposed Issues for Education and Advocacy
 - a. Redistricting Implementation (21)
 - b. State and Local Finances, including education about the financing of education (84)
 - c. Initiative And Referendum: Community Education (33)

For the board-recommended Issues for Education and Advocacy, the numbers in parentheses indicate the total of all recommendations submitted by local Leagues, using a weighted system. First choice votes received three points, second-choice votes two points, and third-choice votes one point. These proposed Issues for Education and Advocacy are discussed in more detail on pages 42.

NOT-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEMS

(These may be moved for consideration by delegates at Convention.)

Unlike the Issues for Education and Advocacy, the following summaries of local League responses concerning studies and adoption of new positions list the issues in the order of (unweighted) total mentions. Any of these items may be moved for consideration by delegates at the convention, in accordance with Convention Rules (pp. 91-97).

New State Study

None (41)	Redistricting (1)
State prisons (4)	Government reform (1)
Hemp/marijuana regulation and taxation (2)	Higher education (CSU and UC systems) (1)
School funding (1)	

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Study to Update Position

None (27)	Agriculture (3)
Initiative and referendum process (23)	Community college system (2)
Election systems (9)	Intergovernmental relationships (2)
Water (7)	Public libraries (2)
State and local finances (6)	Mental health care (2)
Campaign financing (6)	California Constitution (1)
Education (5)	Redistricting (1)
Energy (4)	Voting rights (1)
Land use (4)	Transportation (1)
Air quality (4)	Housing (1)
Solid waste (4)	

Concurrence

None (51)	LWV Ventura County correction systems: Juvenile justice (1)
State prisons (6)	Election Systems (1)

Drop Positions

None (58)

Issues for Education and Advocacy

State and local finances (84)	Voter service (3)
Education (37)	Redevelopment (3)
Water (34)	Land use and agriculture (3)
Initiative and referendum process (33)	Social Security (3)
Redistricting (21)	Realignment (3)
Health care (18)	Civics education (2)
Mental health (15)	Intergovernmental relations (2)
Campaign finance reform (13)	State prisons (1)
State Constitution (9)	Child care (1)
School finance (9)	Natural resources (1)
Transportation (5)	Immigration (1)
Energy (5)	Housing (1)
Climate change (4)	Community colleges (1)
Libraries (4)	

Legislative Priorities 2011



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2011

Adopted by the LWVC Board of Directors, March 13, 2011

Priority Issues for Action in the Legislature

- State and Local Finances/State Budget
 - Support reform of the state budgeting process
 - Support equitable and adequate generation and distribution of tax revenues

Other Legislative Issues, As Time and Resources Permit

- Support requests from local Leagues and inter-League organizations (ILOs) for advocacy on bills of specific interest to their jurisdictions
- Take action as appropriate on core issues: Redistricting, Elections, Initiative and Referendum, Voting Rights, Campaign Finance Reform, and Reproductive Choices
- Consider Program Director recommendations for action on the highest priority bills in their program areas. We anticipate action in the areas of Health Care, Water, and Climate Change.

Statewide Ballot Measures

- Review all statewide ballot measures and recommend a position or neutrality on each one to the LWVC Board of Directors

Legislative priorities should not be confused with Issues for Education and Advocacy. Legislative priorities are issues selected each year by the LWVC board of directors, in consultation with off-board program directors, legislative consultants, the legislation committee, and the program director/advocate, for concerted action in the legislature. The Issues for Education and Advocacy are taken into careful consideration when the legislative priorities are chosen. However, it is rare that the legislature's agenda and the League's agenda coincide exactly.

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1993-95	Marlys Robertson
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Nominating Committee Report



Nominating Committee Report

We were pleased to announce the following slate of officers and directors and nominating committee members for 2011-2013. Immediately following the presentations of this report to the convention, further nominations can be made from the floor by any delegate, providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained in advance.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Jennifer Waggoner, LWV San Francisco
1st VICE PRESIDENT	Sharon Holdt, LWV Capistrano Bay Area
2nd VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVOCACY	Helen Hutchison, LWV Oakland
SECRETARY	Caroline deLlamas, LWV East San Gabriel Valley
TREASURER	Tom Carson, LWV Glendale/Burbank

DIRECTORS

Kathy Armstrong, LWV South San Mateo Co.*
Barbara Barker, LWV Torrance Area
Lianne Campodonico, LWV Piedmont
Syeda Reshma Inamdar, LWV Fremont/Newark/Union City
Suzanne Stassevitch, LWV San Francisco
Ellen Wheeler, LWV Los Altos/Mountain View Area
Diane Williams, LWV Kern County

NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

CHAIR	Charolette Fox, LWV California
MEMBER	Lola Acosta, LWV Sacramento Co.
MEMBER	Margo Reeg, LWV Whittier

* LWVCEF 2nd Vice President for Voter Service will be appointed by LWVC Board of Directors

** Two additional nominating committee members will be appointed from the 2011-2013 board.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE 2009-2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHAIR	Kate Quick, LWV Alameda
MEMBER	Caroline deLlamas, LWV East San Gabriel Valley
MEMBER	Francine Farber, LWV Fresno Co.
MEMBER	Charolette Fox, LWV California
MEMBER	Sharon Mullenix, LWV Pasadena Area

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Board Officers



PRESIDENT

Jennifer A. Waggoner

Jenny strongly believes in the League's core values. Despite seeing it at least half a dozen times, she

still can't watch Iron Jawed

Angels without crying. She is grateful for the opportunities the League offers and feels the greatest benefit for her has been the mentors she has found and their encouragement to mentor others through the League. You'll get a good sense of her personal, professional, and League life on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/jennifer.waggoner>.

After joining the board in 2007 as communications director, she served on the audit, finance, and human resource committees and contributed to others. She first joined the League in San Francisco in 2001, where she served in many capacities, including: president, vice president, budget chair, membership committee, fundraising committee, and database administrator. You may have met her at a regional workshop, council, convention, or even during a webinar; she is a frequent presenter. She has been known to fish around for invitations to attend local and regional League events, too.

Working as a consultant with a variety of clients (typically in operations, finance and communications for nonprofits and small businesses) helps her stay abreast of trends and best practices. The flexibility of her work allows her to dedicate significant time to the

League and to be able to travel. She holds a degree in Government from Claremont McKenna College, a Diploma in Public Policy from the University of Edinburgh, and earned her Competent Communicator certification from Toastmasters in 2010. She lives in central San Francisco with her domestic partner, David LaMacchia (her IT guru).



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Sharon Holdt

Sharon grew up in a small farming community in Illinois but has been a Californian for 35 years. She and her husband Terry have lived in San Juan

Capistrano for 30 years. She has one son, two daughters and two grandchildren. She has been a member of the League for 30 years.

Sharon is a member of the Capistrano Bay League of Women Voters. She has served as President, Program Chair and Voter Editor. Sharon is serving her second term as President of the League of Women Voters of Orange County (ILO). She is also temporary Smart Voter Coordinator for the County of Orange Smart Voter team.

She retired in 1995 from the Victim Witness Program which is part of the Community Services Program in Orange County. She worked closely with victims of crime to help them navigate the court system. She held the position of Restitution Specialist, Victim Specialist and Supervisor of the South County Victim Witness Program. Sharon worked closely with the District Attorney's office in helping to co-

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ordinate witnesses and to collect restitution for victims of misdemeanors. Sharon also helped victims to obtain funding for medical bills from the State Board of Control.

She also served on the Foundation Board for Mission Hospital. This board has been instrumental in helping the hospital to raise funds to meet the medical needs of the rapidly growing south Orange County community.

Sharon looks forward to joining the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California as she sees a need more than ever for a vibrant and forward looking organization such as the League to be a part of the solution to the problems facing our great State of California.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVOCACY

Helen L. Hutchison

Helen Hutchison has been a League member since 1969. She is married, with two adult children. She and her family

have moved around the country, providing many opportunities to join Leagues in different cities: Claremont, California; Newton, Massachusetts; Los Angeles; Claremont (again); Clackamas County, Oregon; DeKalb County, Georgia; and Oakland. She served on the Boards of the Claremont, Clackamas County and Oakland Leagues in a variety of portfolios. Each League has provided new areas to learn about and get active in.

Helen was the president of the LWV Oakland from 2005 to 2007. Prior to that, she has served in a variety of portfolios on the Oakland Board including VOTER editor and Vice President for Action.

Professionally Helen is a retired computer systems analyst. She is an active member of Montclair Presbyterian Church in Oakland, where she chaired the Building Renovation Committee.



SECRETARY

Caroline DeLlamas

Caroline has been a League member since 1968 when she joined the Tulare County League (formerly Visalia), and has held most portfolios

at the local League level, including that of President. She currently serves on the board of the East San Gabriel Valley League.

At the state level, she has served as the Secretary since July 2009, and is a member of the Executive, Personnel, Nominating, and Bylaws Committees. Caroline also serves as the Southern Coordinator of the LWVC Management Training Advisor Program (MTAs), and is the MTA for the Fresno County, Northwest Riverside County, San Bernardino, and Tulare County Leagues.

A retired Professional City Clerk/Treasurer, she has a consulting business to provide Interim Municipal Clerk Services to California cities. She is a past president of the City Clerks Association of California and holds membership in various professional organizations, including the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Caroline resides in Covina with her husband Lloyd deLlamas. They have two adult daughters.

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TREASURER
Tom Carson

A native Angeleno, Tom has lived in Burbank over thirty-five years. He is married to Chris Carson, a dedicated League leader of many years standing. They have two sons.

Tom has been a member of LWV Glendale/Burbank for over twenty years. Long its Budget Chair, he is now its Treasurer and webmaster. He is particularly active in voter service, chairing or co-chairing several local studies and participation in the LWVUS immigration study. He is also Budget Chair for LWV Los Angeles County, an ILO.

For the LWVC, Tom was Budget Chair 2006-2009, as well as providing financial management advice over the years. For some years, he has written Pros & Cons and In Depths. Recently he has assisted many local Leagues get current with their governmental filings.

For the LWVUS, Tom served on the Net Neutrality Task Force in 2006-2007. Currently he is a member of its Clearinghouse Ad Hoc Committee, which is exploring the feasibility of establishing a national website to assist local Leagues to better share their knowledge and experiences.

Tom received a BA in History from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles; a MA in History from the University of California, Irvine; and a MBA from the University of Southern California.

Tom rose to partner in an international accounting firm, specializing in tax matters, then became chief financial officer of several large entertainment companies. Later, he was a co-owner and manager of several small businesses in northern California. Tom throughout his

career has focused heavily on improving management infrastructure and systems.

Tom currently serves as treasurer of the Friends of the Burbank Public Library, among other community activities.

Tom hopes to use his management and leadership experience to help improve the LWVC infrastructure, to enhance its work in the community and better support local Leagues.

Board Directors



Kathy Armstrong

Kathy Armstrong is a member of the League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County, and has been involved in voter service with the League since 2004, currently

serving as her League's Voter Service Director and Speakers Bureau Coordinator. She has been active in strategic planning work with the SmartVoter.org team and in various initiatives with the state level Voter Service team, including facilitating the Voter Information Working Group in 2009 and building the League's SpeakerSource Google Group in 2010.

Kathy currently works as a management consultant, having left the corporate world in 2007 to apply her skills in the areas of civic engagement and non-profit organizational effectiveness. Her work includes leading a Common Cause and Citizen Schools collaboration to develop and deliver civic education on redistricting, facilitating community dialogue on housing with San Mateo County Threshold 2008, and currently working with the non-partisan non-profit California Forward on a comprehensive statewide engagement plan focused on modernizing the tools of governance. Previously, Kathy

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spent over fifteen years in the private sector, including serving as Director of Customer Experience Research and Vice President for Process Improvement at Hewlett-Packard.

Originally a New Englander, Kathy followed the “California Dream” after graduating from college, and has been an enthusiastic California resident for over 25 years. In addition to her League work, she is a volunteer with Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and sings with the Stanford Memorial Church choir.

Kathy holds a masters degree in computer science and engineering from the University of Washington and a bachelors degree in psychology and human relations from Connecticut College. Known as an energetic systems thinker, Kathy brings objectivity, structure, and enthusiasm to her work with teams, and is very excited about collaborating with local Leagues throughout the state, as well as the Board and League staff, to further the League’s mission of encouraging all Californians to be informed and participate actively in the democratic process.



Barbara Barker

Barbara Barker-Krank joined the Torrance League for the Health Study in 1991. She has served on the Board as Public Relations Director,

Health Director, VOTER Editor, Webmaster, and as co-president in 2002-2003, 2005-2007 and as President 2007-2008. She has been a member of the LWVC Health Care Committee for the past four years and is also a member of the Health Care 4US nationwide group. Barbara has been involved in many aspects of her local league including fundraising, pros and cons, candidate forums and the League’s participation in community events.

For Barbara, the League’s non-partisanship and careful study process before taking up a position is the reason she admires our organization. She had enjoyed the challenges offered by the League, the leadership qualities that it develops and the wonderful mentors she has met along the way.

Retired from an interesting administrative job with the City of Torrance’s Community Services Department, Barbara served as office manager, clerical staff coordinator, software advisor, speechwriter, protocol specialist, event planner and human relations specialist. She holds a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Cal State University Dominguez Hills. In her first year of retirement, she refurbished a small cabin in Big Bear and she is currently working on remodeling plans for a larger home in the same area. Recently widowed, she lives in Lomita, and works part-time as a travel guide for the Torrance Travelers.



Lianne Campodonico

Lianne was first recruited by the Piedmont League to be Program Vice President. She joined the League eight years ago, shortly after

being nominated. She has been on her local League’s Board almost every year since, including a two-year term as President. Lianne is married and has four children. She and her husband, Richard, live in Piedmont.

Her work experience includes having been an assistant editor for a public administration journal, a part-time lecturer for Cal State East Bay’s Department of Public Education, and a lecturer one summer at the Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok, Thailand.

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She currently works part-time for the Ann Martin Center, a nonprofit serving at-risk children in need of psychotherapy, educational therapy, and diagnostic assessment.

Aside from the League, she has been a volunteer with First Place for Youth, a program for former foster youth. She served on their Board of Directors for six years.

She and her husband are in the midst of establishing an organic olive orchard in Lake County, where she is a member of the Farm Bureau and the local California Women for Agriculture chapter. Lianne is also an avid hiker and tries to accomplish at least one race-walking half marathon a year.



Syeda Reshma Inamdar

Syeda Reshma has lived in many places in the world but still loves the SF Bay Area the most and calls it home, for now. She has one daughter

who is grown, graduated from college and recently married. Syeda is the proud aunt of a brand new nephew thanks to her sister.

Syeda has been a member of the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City for 15+ years. She first served as Public Relations Director and enjoyed it immensely. She got to serve as LWVFNUC's President during their 50th anniversary celebration! She currently serves as the Chair of the Alameda County Council of the seven County leagues. In the past, Syeda has served on the Audit Committee and Nominating Committee for LWVC.

Syeda is a Certified Public Accountant but primarily works in property and business management. She is active in several organizations and local boards and committees. She co-founded a domestic violence prevention organization

and continues to be actively engaged in efforts to eradicate domestic violence.

Syeda is looking forward to working with a wonderful group of dedicated civic activists to help carry on the vision and mission of the League of Women Voters of California.



Suzanne Stassevitch

Born in New York City and raised in St. Louis, Suzanne moved to San Francisco in 1976 to pursue her lifelong passion for the performing arts after earning a B.A. in

Theater Arts at the University of Missouri, Kansas City and graduate work at the University of Oregon and SFSU (M.A. 1978).

As a member of IATSE, Theatrical Wardrobe Union Local 784, Suzanne built a career in the Costume and Wardrobe Departments in Bay Area Broadway Theatres, Ballet Companies, and San Francisco Opera. As a member of a Local 784 her activities included working as a Union Steward, contract negotiations, Health and Welfare Administrator Local 784 1982-1992, developing an apprentice program and sitting on the Apprentice Board, 1985-1993. Suzanne worked for 15 years at San Francisco Opera as a Wardrobe Department Head and a traveling Costume Supervisor. During this time she was an active volunteer at her son's school and had the privilege of working as a volunteer at the Textile Conservation Labs at the Fine Arts Museum San Francisco.

In 2001 Suzanne decided to redirect her activities toward community interests and to study and develop her own work in textiles arts.

Community interests have included training as an Adult Literacy tutor in 2000 and working

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with for Project Read, an Adult Literacy Project in San Francisco, following her mother's path into the LWV and taking a lead in the LWVSF Speaker's Bureau, represent the League on the City Ballot Simplification Committee and working on small community theatrical events. As vice president of voter service programs for LWVSF since 2004, Suzanne and her team expanded content and programs available on the League's Web site, increased the distribution of Pro Con materials city-wide in three languages, and coordinated a vote-by-mail promotion in San Francisco.



Ellen Wheeler

Ellen Wheeler is an attorney, mediator, former teacher, active volunteer, and a mom. Her primary expertise is in education. She was recently re-elected to a third term on

the Mountain View Whisman School Board in northern California, and serves as their board president this year.

Asked to fill the unexpired term of Social Policy Director of LWVC last May, Ellen said "yes" and has served in that position since that time.

Ellen's League work in education includes serving as the chairperson of the education committee of LWV Santa Clara County and co-chair of the education committee of her local League. She was on the small action team that brought forward the proposal for a study on the "Federal Role in Public Education" to the LWVUS convention last year.

Her other League work includes serving as a Director in Los Altos-Mountain View in Membership, Public Relations, and as incoming VP.

Ellen's volunteer work includes currently serving on two local PTA boards plus many past PTA boards.

For the past six years Ellen has been the school board representative to the Children's Health Initiative (CHI) in Santa Clara County, which is a statewide model for providing free or low cost health insurance for children from needy families. Ellen is the chairperson of the leadership team of that organization, and in that capacity she represents CHI to various entities.

Ellen earned a BA in social sciences with a minor in music from San Jose State University, and a JD and Public Interest Law certificate from Santa Clara University School of Law.

Ellen lives in Mountain View with her husband Ken Pier and their high school-aged son. She also has 2 adult children. In her copious free time (ha ha) Ellen loves reading, walking, going to the beach, attending theater and concerts, and sleeping.

Nominating Committee



CHAIR

Lottie Fox

Charolette Fox is completing her third term as the Natural Resources Director for the League of Women Voters of California and has served

statewide on both the Program Committee and the Legislation Committee. She is a board appointed member of the 2009-2011 LWVC Nominating Committee. Her past League experience spans nearly five decades and includes serving in various positions on two local League boards before being elected as President of each. Known informally as "Lottie" she is a LWVUS State Coach and a LWVC Management

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Training Advisor (MTA) working actively with two Southern California Leagues.

She participates in Green California, a collaboration of 65+ state agencies and nonprofit organizations engaged in environmental legislation. She serves as an advisor or public member on several local and regional boards working on water, land use, and other sustainability issues.

Her civic activities include Commissioner for the Temecula Community Services Commission, Commissioner for the County of Riverside Historical Commission, and Commissioner for the County of Riverside Archives Commission. Charolette is a member of the Riverside County Court-Community Committee, a group under the auspices of the Riverside County Superior Court concerned about juvenile justice, selection and appointment of state judges, judicial independence, and the security of courts, jurors, defendants and plaintiffs.

During 2010-2011 she served as a board director for the Inland Empire Chapter of California Women Lead, an organization which trains and mentors women who choose to run for public office. She received civic leadership training through Coro of Southern California and continues to volunteer on a limited basis to review applicants and select candidates for leadership in arts, public policy, and social policy internship programs.



Lola Acosta

Born in the city of Avalon on Catalina Island, Lola traces her roots through

her maternal grandparents who emigrated from Mexico to the United States. Observing the experience of immigrant female family members contributed to Lola's determination to expand her role as a woman in the family

and in society. Lola attended public schools and colleges in Los Angeles. She earned a BSN at California State University, Los Angeles and an MSN at the University of California Los Angeles. Professionally, she began her career in nursing capacities including team leader at Orthopedic Hospital of Los Angeles and as a public health nurse in the inner city. She volunteered on community health advisory boards advocating for access to health services for poor women and children. After practicing nursing for some years, she became a tenured Associate Professor of Nursing at Rio Hondo College in Whittier. In 1977 she moved to Sacramento with her husband Mike and one month old son, David. In Sacramento she worked in various state government management positions involving policy, program development and administration. In 1980, she gave birth to a daughter, Francisca. In addition to working full time and rearing two children she co-founded a charitable organization, Madrinas, which raised funds and offered financial grants to needy college bound students.

Lola initially joined the League of Women Voters in 1999. Approaching retirement in 2006, Lola fully involved herself in League activities. After leading the League's two year immigration study, Lola was nominated to serve on the Board of Directors. She retired in 2007 from state service, and in 2009 Lola was elected President of the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County. During her tenure as League President she focused on offering voter election education to a more geographically and culturally diverse Sacramento, raising funds to support continuing League activities, and inviting new members to build the Sacramento League.

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Margo Reeg

Margo Reeg is married and has two grown daughters and two lively grandchildren. She moved to Davis, CA, in 1969 and promptly joined the League. When she and her husband moved to Whittier in 1971 she became active in the Whittier League.

Margo has held many offices in the League including Whittier co-president from 1991-93 and President beginning in 2007. She has been VP for Voter Service for most of the years from 1985 when not president. She has also served on the board of the Los Angeles County ILO as VP for Voter Service 2001-11 except for 2004-06 when she served as President. In 1995 Margo was elected to the LWVC board as Government Director and held that position for 4 years. Subsequently she served off board as Program Director for State and Local Finances and more recently as Consultant on Voting Rights. From 2001-03 she chaired the Nominating Committee for LWVC. She has also been active with the SoCal Environmental Action Committee of the League.

Margo has worked as a substitute teacher, primarily in middle school since 1989. Being able to share information about local and state government and election procedures with students has been exciting. Students have been astounded to actually catch their “sub” on TV moderating candidate forums and explaining ballot measures. Elections are a special interest and Margo has served as a precinct inspector and a supervisor at early voting sites for many years.

Other interests and activities include about 15 years with the Friends of the Library Board and Metropolitan Cooperative Library System Advisory board, many stints as chair of the Pre-

school Board at her church, church choir and altar guild.

Margo is pleased to join the Nominating Committee for LWVC to help tap the talents of our members to continue to move the League forward as a meaningful and influential force in good government and voter empowerment.

Campaign Policies



Campaign Policies for Candidates for LWVC Office adopted by the LWVC Board of Directors, March 4, 2001:

Excerpt from the LWVC Bylaws, as revised in April 1997 Convention

ARTICLE XII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 2. Suggestions by Members. Any LWVC member may send suggestions to the nominating committee.

Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the chair and two members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to local Leagues and ILOs one month before date of the biennial convention. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the biennial convention on the first day of the biennial convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the biennial convention, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 4. Elections. The election committee appointed by the president on the first day of the biennial convention shall be in charge of the election. The election shall be by ballot, except that if there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be by voice vote. A majority vote of those present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

Campaign Policies

1. Candidates for LWVC office, as defined in #2, below, are subject to the provisions of the following Campaign Policies for LWVC Office.
2. The term “candidates for LWVC office,” as used in these policies, shall be understood to include candidates nominated by the LWVC nominating committee and any alternate slate or individual candidates standing for election to LWVC office (i.e., officers, directors and/or nominating committee).
3. A slate is defined as more than one person running or working together for election to LWVC office.
4. The convention parliamentarian will act as the LWVC liaison for candidates for LWVC office.

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5. Individuals not nominated by the nominating committee may declare their candidacy prior to convention by submitting a letter to the convention parliamentarian signed by two local League members. Those who sign letters of nomination are limited to one per office.
6. A candidate may not stand for election to more than one office simultaneously in one election.
7. All mailing will be at the expense of candidates for LWVC office, except for official pre-convention information regarding nominations issued at the request of the LWVC nominating committee.
8. Candidates for LWVC office may purchase a mailing list, labels or e-mail distribution list of local League presidents at a cost determined by the LWVC office executive director, according to current policy.
9. Solicitation of funds within the LWVC is limited to requests made by candidates for LWVC office to individual League members only. The LWVC, local Leagues and inter-League organizations (ILOs) shall not contribute to a campaign. Individual contributions shall not exceed \$50 in cash or in-kind contributions per candidate per election, including personal contributions from individual candidates.
10. Campaign expenditures shall not exceed \$500 for a nominated slate, alternate slate or for an individual candidate. For reporting purposes, expenditures shall include mailings (copy expenses, postage, etc.) mailing labels, brochures, buttons, and any other campaign materials promoting a slate or individual for state office of the LWVC.
11. Prior to the opening plenary session, candidates for LWVC office shall file with the parliamentarian a preliminary report with an itemized listing of revenues, including their source, and expenses incurred as of the start of the first Plenary Session of the convention. Candidates shall file reports on forms available from the parliamentarian.
12. Candidates whose names are placed in nomination from the floor and who have not declared their candidacy prior to convention, and who have expended monies for campaign materials for distribution at convention in support of their candidacy, shall be required to file with the parliamentarian a preliminary report with an itemized listing of revenues, including their source, and expenses incurred as of the start of the first Plenary Session of the convention. This filing shall be submitted to the parliamentarian by the end of the day during which the nomination is made.
13. Failure to file with the parliamentarian in accordance with procedures, described in #11 and #12, above, shall result in a defaulted candidacy.
14. Candidate-related paraphernalia shall not be worn on stage during the conduct of regular convention business, including facilitation of workshops.

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15. Within 30 days following the convention, candidates shall file a final report on forms available from the parliamentarian. A summary report will be distributed to all local Leagues and inter-League organization (ILOs) via the LWVC electronic distribution to local and ILO presidents, as maintained by the state office, according to regular posting procedures as established, and will also be reported to the LWVC Board at its next regularly scheduled board meeting and will appear in the Post Board Summary of that meeting.

16. Candidates who fail to file in accordance with procedures described in #15, above, shall pay a fine of \$50/day, for a maximum of not more than 10 days.

17. LWVC convention planning shall include the possibility of candidacies other than those nominated by the nominating committee and shall have procedures in place for conducting a candidates forum, in keeping with League standards.

18. The candidate forum moderator shall have in no way been involved with any candidate campaign for LWVC office. The moderator shall preferably be a League member with voters service background.

19. The convention committee will provide tables (in the convention areas) for all candidates to place their campaign materials.

20. Signs and distribution of campaign items shall be allowed only in the designated campaign areas listed in the Convention Rules.

21. Candidates shall be responsible for removal of all signs and visual displays as set forth in the Convention Rules.

22. Only LWVC candidates nominated by the LWVC nominating committee may be reimbursed by the LWVC for convention expenses.

23. Candidates shall be asked to sign a Fair Campaign Practices Principles form to be submitted to the parliamentarian. A list of candidates signing the form shall be posted in the Plenary Room and be fully accessible to all convention attendees.

24. Policies for candidates to state office do not apply to issue campaigns.

25. The parliamentarian shall issue a ruling on any dispute arising from implementation of these policies.

Treasurer's Report



League of Women Voters of California Statement of Financial Position March 31, 2011

	LWVC	LWVCEF	Combined
Checking	23,979	33,002	56,981
Money Market Accounts	103,152	378,744	481,896
Long Term Investment Fund		57,000	57,000
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 127,131	\$ 468,745	\$ 595,876
Accounts Receivable			
Due from Local Leagues	3,941	-	3,941
Due from Others	3,160	8,000	11,160
Interfund	127,698	(127,698)	-
Fixed Assets and Software (Net of Depreciation)	5,056	103	5,159
Other Assets	15,916	1,292	17,208
Total Assets	\$ 282,901	\$ 350,443	\$ 633,344
Amounts Due to Vendors, etc.	\$ 42,168	\$ 8,526	\$ 50,694
Deposits from Local Leagues	-	114,726	114,726
Deferred Rent	15,240	-	15,240
Security Deposit	658	-	658
Total Liabilities	58,066	123,252	181,318
Unrestricted Reserves	194,355	62,806	257,161
Temporarily Restricted Reserves	7,500	138,571	146,071
Net Income (Loss)	22,980	25,814	48,794
Total Reserves	224,835	227,190	452,026
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$ 282,901	\$ 350,443	\$ 633,344

Note:

Deferred Rent is the difference between Rent Expense (the sum of all rent payments over the term of the lease divided by the number months in the lease) and actual rent payments.

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League of Women Voters of California Statement of Activities March YTD 2011

	March YTD 2011	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income			
Membership Dues	127,050	141,700	172,000
Contributions	60,100	55,950	89,500
LL Products & Services	10,400	11,800	15,900
Insurance	25,300	36,200	36,220
Council/Convention	14,950	23,650	55,000
Contract Services/LEW	35,100	37,350	46,350
Interest Income	805	450	500
Use of restricted Reserves	-	7,500	7,500
Total Income	<u>273,705</u>	<u>314,600</u>	<u>422,970</u>
Expense			
Personnel	124,300	148,000	204,900
Office Expense	39,500	48,500	70,600
Printing and Publications	7,350	6,100	10,400
Travel Expenses	20,175	20,900	53,100
Insurance	11,200	20,100	20,900
Outside Services	48,200	39,500	60,200
Contingency	-	-	2,870
Total Expense	<u>250,725</u>	<u>283,100</u>	<u>422,970</u>
Net Income	<u>22,980</u>	<u>31,500</u>	<u>-</u>

Income

Both Individual and In-Kind Contributions exceeding budget YTD .
General liability insurance rates were significantly decreased resulting in lower billings to local leagues as well as lower insurance expense.
Use of Restricted Reserves has been pushed into next fiscal year.

Expenses

Personnel under budget due to departure of our executive director.
Telecommunications, office supplies and postage are all running below budget.
Outside services are running ahead of budget as we have hired interim executive directors, outside legal counsel and a recruiting firm to aid in finding our new executive director.

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League of Women Voters of California Ed Fund Statement of Activities March YTD 2011

	March YTD 2011	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income			
LL Support in Lieu of PMPs	14,650	11,000	15,000
Contributions	104,700	99,800	158,900
In Kind Contributions	15,150	750	1,000
Planned Giving	38,100	-	-
Grants	280,900	344,400	372,900
Contract Services	86,100	88,500	88,500
Interest Income	4,600	3,300	4,500
Miscellaneous Income	1,840	1,600	6,500
Use of restricted Reserves	7,775	-	-
Total Income	553,815	549,350	647,300
Expense			
Personnel	115,400	107,300	134,500
Office Expense	67,600	76,300	89,550
Printing and Publications	53,400	60,700	63,400
Travel Expenses	22,000	32,100	56,500
Insurance	18,900	22,850	22,000
Outside Services	250,700	255,250	278,400
Contingency	-	-	2,950
Total Expense	528,000	554,500	647,300
Net Income (Loss)	25,815	(5,150)	-

Income

Office staff and board members have been successful implementing both the year-end and leadership giving campaigns.

A large bequest was received and enabled the establishment of a Long-Term Investment Fund.

Both the Easy Voter Guide and Smart Voter fell short on budgeted grant monies.

Expenses

Office expense has been carefully managed throughout this year.

Travel for both the Easy Voter Guide and Smart Voter projects is well below budget.

Proposed Budget FY2011-2012



Introduction. This proposed FY 2011-2012 budget for the LWVC is submitted to delegates for their consideration, in accordance with our bylaws (Article IX. Financial Administration, Section 2-Budget). Although the delegates shall only consider and vote upon a budget for the LWVC, the Budget Committee is also presenting the proposed FY 2011-2012 budget for the LWVCEF for informational purposes, to help delegates understand overall budgetary priorities and projected sources and uses of funds for all League activities in California. The LWVCEF Board of Directors will consider this budget at its May 2011 meeting.

The Budget Committee. This budget was prepared by a committee, appointed by the LWVC Board of Directors, which consisted of the following members:

- Lee Aurich (Chair), LWV Oakland
- Barbara Boles, Treasurer, LWVC
- Pam Pecarich, LWV Ventura County
- Suzanne Stassevitch, Director, LWVC
- Veronica Tincher, LWV Palo Alto
- Tom Carson (ex-officio), LWV Glendale/Burbank
- Janis Hirohama (ex-officio), President, LWVC
- Jennifer Waggoner (ex-officio), Director, LWVC
- LWVC Executive Director (ex-officio)

The Budgeting Process. The Budget Committee began working on the proposed budgets in September 2010, consulting with members of the Board and staff involved in different League activities to identify issues, costs and potential revenue sources. The final draft of the FY 2011-2012 LWVC budget was approved by the Board for recommendation to the delegates in March 2011.

Context. As noted in the President's March Update:

This past year has presented significant financial challenges. The large grant from the Irvine foundation that supported the Easy Voter Guide Project for the past two years ended this spring, with no clear indication of whether it would be renewed after a hiatus. That grant had been cushioning us from a decline in donations caused by the recession. Our executive director—who was responsible for the League's fund-raising efforts—left last December. In putting together the budget for the next fiscal

year, the board was faced with the reality that we do not have the income to support our existing operations.

Significant Items in the FY 2011-2012 Budget. Significant issues reflected in the proposed LWVC and LWVCEF budgets include the following:

- **No Increase in PMP:** This budget does not include an increase in the PMP, which remains at \$23. However, total PMP receipts continue to decline because of decreases in the membership base, and PMP increases will undoubtedly have to be considered in the future. PMP receipts will be 23% of combined revenues in FY 2011-2012.
- **Focused Fundraising Capabilities:** Our new executive director, working with the Board and others, will have a major responsibility for development efforts. FY 2011-2012 budgets assume that our fundraising efforts will both focus on individual contributions, and seeking grants for current and new activities of the League. A one-time investment in developing a Planned Giving program will be funded from reserves. Projected contributions represent 28% of combined revenues in the proposed budgets, and projected grants represent 18%.
- **Advocacy:** The Board has approved a budget for the Program Committee consistent with actual numbers from past years to enable the LWVC to continue to be active in advocating League positions, most particularly for Issues for Education and Advocacy chosen by the local Leagues as well as our legislative priorities.
- **Member Services:** The LWVC budget for FY 2011-2012 includes a modest budget needed to encourage membership and leadership development for local Leagues by means of the LWVC's participation in the LWVUS Membership Recruitment Initiative, the LWVC's Management Training Assistance (MTA) program, direct outreach through the LWVC's Websites and newsletters, and offering of Regional Training Workshops.
- **Smart Voter:** The Smart Voter budget is self-supporting. Each year the program brings in its own stream of earned and contributed income in an amount that is sufficient to cover all of its expenses and fund any planned investments in technology upgrades. The FY2011-12 budget continues to reflect the priorities of the board-approved three-year strategic plan for Smart Voter, emphasizing an efficient spending plan for routine election operations and an increasing amount of resources necessary for the development of its essential "next generation" improvements. These improvements include valuable new features, website designs, easier-to-use "backend" systems, and support for collaboration with other organizations. In the financial mix – while current contract revenues are expected to decline due to economic and competitive pressures, new partnerships and licensing arrangements will provide offsetting sources

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of income. In addition, further investments in “next generation” improvements will be undertaken as additional funding is secured.

- **Enhance Communications and Fundraising Efforts:** To help strengthen our relationships with members, donors and Californians from all backgrounds and experiences, the proposed budget reflects continued enhanced communications. Communications Director Jennifer Waggoner has been working with Communications Manager, Elizabeth Leslie, other staff and volunteers to build an integrated communications plan for the LWVC and LWVCEF that uses industry best practices to increase engagement among our constituents and increases the capacity of members and local Leagues to do the same. See the biennial report for more details.

Budget Summary. The proposed FY 2011-2012 budget for the LWVC totals \$367,000, a decrease of 17% from the FY 2010-2011 budget. The proposed FY 2011-2012 budget for the LWVCEF totals \$378,000, including a contribution from LWVC of approximately \$23,000, a 42% decrease from the prior year’s budget. This is the result of not including any funds for the Easy Voter Guide Project.

The schedule of combined revenues and expenses in the following schedules provide delegates with a general explanation of variations between fiscal years in revenues and major categories of expenditures for both the LWVC and LWVCEF.

Comments and Questions. Comments and questions should be addressed to Lee Aurich at budget@lwvc.org. Delegates will also have the opportunity to meet with the Budget Committee during the convention. There will be a Budget Q&A meeting 8:30-10:30 pm Friday evening; and a Budget Adjustment Committee meeting 9:30-10:30 pm Saturday evening. All are invited.

Budget Proposed Budget Schedules

LWVC/LWVCEF Combined Revenue

Revenue	Actual FY2009-10	Budget FY2010-11	2011 Feb YTD Actual	2011-2012 Budget	
PMPs and LL Support In Lieu of PMPs	\$181,133	\$187,000	\$141,269	\$170,625	No increase in PMPs; total PMPs revenue is dropping due to decreasing membership across the state
Contributions	194,669	226,400	137,956	175,500	Reflects a ramp-up of effort with the hiring of the new Executive Director with a major focus during the year. Current year actual projected to be below budget
Foundation Grants	75,303	40,000	27,981	91,000	Significant new focus on obtaining grants for the state League's core programs, plus ongoing support for Smart Voter
LL Products & Services	69,313	92,770	57,082	75,800	League Easy Website income; pass-through reimbursement from Local Leagues for liability insurance at the new, reduced rate; sales of merchandise; Regional Workshop registrations
Council or Convention	16,672	55,000	5,795	20,140	2012 Council
Investment Income	11,597	12,380	14,795	14,900	
Miscellaneous Income	1,374	2,820	533	1,300	
Utilization of Reserves	-	7,500	5,000	27,500	Use of reserves to develop the planned giving program and Communications
Easy Voter Guide	251,256	304,400	247,949	-	Easy Voter Guide grants and contributions
Smart Voter	166,134	162,000	113,355	168,500	Smart Voter contributions, grants, and use of prior-year reserves
Total Revenue	\$967,452	\$1,090,270	\$751,714	\$745,265	

Budget Proposed Budget Schedules

LWVC/LWVCEF Combined Expenses

Expense	Actual FY2009-10	Budget FY2010-11	2011 Feb YTD Actual	2011-2012 Budget	
Personnel	337,822	339,400	216,206	322,300	Includes 4.5 FTE, down 1.0 FTE from the current year
Office Expenses	106,135	116,975	66,914	100,350	Rent, office equipment, other office related costs. Increased use of Skype supports decrease in telecommunications expense
Travel Expenses	48,629	57,150	32,407	49,250	Budget is consistent with recent actual experience
Insurance	37,278	35,600	22,158	28,000	Reflects new, reduced liability insurance rates; includes Local League portion
Council or Convention	17,299	49,700	1,115	19,500	2012 Council
Outside Services	173,798	207,070	120,605	158,226	Includes accounting fees; one-time planned giving program development; network, computer, website & database support;
Miscellaneous Expense	(1)	-	1,613	(31)	
Easy Voter Guide	159,471	228,000	192,590	-	Easy Voter Guide direct expenses; excludes staff and other shared state office expenses
Smart Voter	45,521	56,375	34,123	67,670	Smart Voter direct expenses; excludes staff and other shared state office expenses
Total Expenses	\$925,953	\$1,090,270	\$687,731	\$745,265	
Increase / (Decrease) to Reserves	41,499	-	63,984	-	Increase to reserves at the end of the fiscal year

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League of Women Voters of California Revenue and Expenses

	Actual FY2009-10	Budget FY2010-11	2011 Feb YTD Actual	Budget FY2011- 12
PMPs	\$174,348	\$172,000	\$126,589	\$158,625
Contributions	73,786	109,500	48,875	74,500
LL Products & Services	69,300	88,270	56,882	75,800
Council or Convention	16,672	55,000	5,795	20,140
Investment Income	7,615	7,880	10,233	9,400
Miscellaneous Income	1,374	2,820	483	1,300
Utilization of Reserves	-	7,500	-	27,500
Total Revenue	\$343,095	\$442,970	\$248,856	\$367,265
Personnel	\$337,822	\$339,400	\$216,206	\$322,300
Office Expense	104,128	112,675	65,687	98,850
Travel Expenses	42,716	49,950	31,956	48,250
Insurance	36,709	34,600	21,541	27,000
Council or Convention	17,299	49,700	1,115	19,500
Outside Services	102,854	147,485	81,285	143,526
Miscellaneous Expense	(1)	-	1,613	(31)
Total Expenses	\$641,527	\$733,810	\$419,404	\$659,395
Reimbursement from LWVCEF for Staffing & Other Services	352,545	290,840	199,680	292,130
Increase / (Decrease) to Reserves	54,113	-	29,132	-

Budget Proposed Budget Schedules

League of Women Voters Education Fund Revenue and Expenses

	Actual FY2009-10	Budget FY2010-11	2011 Feb YTD Actual	2011-2012 Budget
LL Support In Lieu of PMPs	\$6,786	\$15,000	\$14,681	\$12,000
Contributions	120,883	116,900	89,080	101,000
Foundation Grants	75,303	40,000	27,981	91,000
LL Products & Services	13	4,500	200	-
Investment Income	3,982	4,500	4,562	5,500
Utilization of Reserves	-	-	5,000	-
Easy Voter Guide	251,256	304,400	247,949	-
Smart Voter	166,134	162,000	113,355	168,500
Total Revenue	\$624,357	\$647,300	\$502,858	\$378,000
Office Expense	\$2,007	\$4,300	\$1,227	\$1,500
Travel Expenses	5,913	7,200	450	1,000
Insurance	569	1,000	617	1,000
Outside Services	70,944	59,585	39,320	14,700
Easy Voter Guide	159,471	228,000	192,590	-
Smart Voter	45,521	56,375	34,123	67,670
Total Expenses	\$284,426	\$356,460	\$268,327	\$85,870
Reimbursement to LWVC for Staffing & Other Services	(168,753)	(141,530)	(83,707)	(191,300)
Reimbursement to LWVC for EVG Services	(91,785)	(60,880)	(60,881)	-
Reimbursement to LWVC for Smart Voter Services	(92,007)	(88,430)	(55,092)	(100,830)
Increase / (Decrease) to Reserves	(12,614)	-	34,851	-

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

General Background

Article V of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) empowers the board to appoint committees, including a bylaws committee. At its November 2010 board meeting, the board appointed a bylaws committee of the following members:

Jacqueline Jacobberger (LWV North and Central San Mateo County)
Trudy Jarratt (LWVC First Vice President)
Caroline de Llamas (LWVC Secretary)

The procedure for amending the bylaws is set forth in Article XVII. Amendments may be proposed by any local League or ILO board of directors, or by the LWVC board, for consideration at any biennial Convention. To pass, the proposed amendments must receive a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting at the Convention. To facilitate your deliberation, the proposed amendments are set forth below along with the bylaws committee and board's recommendations for action on these amendments. Language to be deleted is indicated by a strikethrough effect (e.g. ~~strikethrough effect~~). New language is indicated by underlining.

Delegates are asked to consider three (3) proposals to amend the bylaws.

Proposal Nos. 1 and 2 are of an editorial nature. Proposal No. 3 would establish staggered terms for the election of officers and directors, to take effect with the Convention 2013 election.

Proposal No. 1: Amendment to Article X – Biennial Convention and Voting Rights

Reason for Proposed Amendment: This will bring Article X, Section 5, of the bylaws into conformance with the bylaws amendments approved at Convention 2009. This particular section was inadvertently overlooked and not presented for consideration by the delegates at Convention 2009.

Proposed by: Bylaws Committee.

LWVC Recommendation: Approve.

Section 5. Authorization for Action. The biennial convention shall consider and authorize for action a program, shall elect directors as described in Article V, Section 2 (~~four~~ five of whom shall be the officers designated in Article VI, Section 1) and three members of the nominating committee, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as shall be presented.

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Proposal No. 2: Amendment to Article X – Biennial Convention and Voting Rights

Reason for Proposed Amendment: Article X, Section 1, of the LWVC bylaws defines the convention as a meeting that happens in odd-numbered years. The use of “biennial” with convention in the bylaws is redundant and should be eliminated.

Proviso: The motion to adopt the amendment to Article X will include a proviso that all current references to “biennial convention” in the bylaws will be changed to “convention.”

Proposed by: Bylaws Committee.
LWVC Recommendation: Approve.

Section 1. Place and Date. The LWVC shall hold a biennial meeting of all members by representation through elected delegates. A convention for delegates, local League and ILO presidents, and directors shall be held biennially between April 15 and May 31 in odd-numbered years. This shall be known as the biennial convention. The time and place of the biennial convention shall be determined by the board.

Proposal No. 3: Amendment to Article X – Biennial Convention and Voting Rights

Reason for Proposed Amendment: Currently, the election of officers and directors takes place at the LWVC Convention which is held in odd-numbered years. All officers and directors are elected for two-year terms that expire at the same time. Although some officers and directors are nominated for subsequent terms, there is no guarantee that there will be continuity from one board to the next. The proposed amendment would establish staggered terms for the election of officers and directors. This would provide for a smoother transition from one board to the next, and the board’s work program would continue to move forward through and beyond the transition period.

The proposed amendment consists of the following changes:

- Elections will be held annually, both at Convention and Council
- At Convention 2013, the president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, the nominating committee, and one director will be elected for two-year terms, to 2015 (Note: Except for the nominating committee, these officers and directors sit as the LWVC Executive and Personnel Committees)

- At Convention 2013, six (6) directors will be elected to one-year terms for this election only, to 2014
- At Council 2014, the six (6) directors will be elected to two-year terms, to 2016.

Proviso: The motion to adopt the amendments to Articles V and XI at Convention will include a proviso that the amendments take effect at Convention 2013, and six (6) directors will be elected at the 2013 election for one-year terms.

Proposed by: Bylaws Committee.

LWVC Recommendation: Approve

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number of Directors. The authorized number of directors shall be not more than 21. This number of directors includes the officers designated in Article VI, Section 1, who shall also serve as directors.

~~Section 2. Selection of Directors. Of the directors taking office following a biennial convention, at least two-thirds, including those positions held by officers, shall have been elected by a majority of those eligible to vote and voting at the biennial convention. Up to one-third of the new board may be selected by the newly elected directors at the first meeting of the board following the biennial convention. The total number of directors on any board following a biennial convention shall not exceed 150 percent of the number elected at the biennial convention and may not exceed the total provided for in Section 1 of this article.~~

Section 2. Selection of Directors. The officers, as designated in Article VI, Section 1, and at least one director shall be elected by a majority of those delegates eligible to vote and voting at the convention. At least six directors shall be elected by a majority of those eligible to vote and voting at the council. The elected directors may appoint additional directors at the first meeting of the board following the convention or council. The number of the appointed directors may not exceed one-third of the total number of board members and the board shall not at any time exceed the total provided for in Article V, Section 1.

~~Section 3. Term of Office. The elected directors shall take office on July 1 following the biennial convention and serve for two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The appointed directors shall hold office concurrently with the term of the elected directors.~~

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Section 3. Term of Office. The officers described in Article VI, Section 1, and directors shall take office on July 1, following election at the convention or council, and shall serve for two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The appointed directors shall take office on July 1 following the convention or council and shall hold office for one year.

ARTICLE XI - COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS IN EVEN YEARS

Section 1. Composition. A meeting of members in even-numbered years shall be held through representation in accordance with the procedures and for the purposes set forth in this Article XI. This meeting shall be known as a council. A council shall be held each even-numbered year in the interim between biennial conventions. The council shall be composed of the local League and ILO presidents as the delegate of the members of such local League and ILO, or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend, and directors of the LWVC.

Section 4. Powers. The council shall give guidance to the board on program, budget and methods of operation. **The council shall elect directors as described in Article V, Section 2.**

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Bylaws of League of Women Voters of California A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

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ARTICLE I NAME AND OFFICE

Section 1. Name. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of California (hereinafter referred to as the “LWVC”). The LWVC is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (hereinafter referred to as the “LWVUS”).

Section 2. Form. The LWVC shall be a nonprofit public benefit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

Section 3. Principal Office. The principal office of the LWVC shall be maintained at such location in the State of California as may be determined by the board of directors (hereinafter referred to as the “board”). The board is granted full power and authority to change said principal office from one location to another.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES AND POLICY

Section 1. Purposes. The purposes of the LWVC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. Political Policy. The LWVC shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

- (a) **Voting Members.** Citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age, who join the League in California shall be voting members. Such persons include:
 - (1) An individual who joins a local League in California
 - (2) Student Member. A member of a local League who is enrolled either full- or part-time in an accredited institution and is making progress toward a degree.
 - (3) Life Member. An individual who has been a member of the League for 50 years. A life member is exempt from paying dues to the LWVC.
 - (4) Member-at-Large. An individual who resides outside the area of a local League and is not enrolled in a local League, but who pays annual dues to the LWVC in an amount determined by the board of the LWVC.
- (b) **Associate Local League Members.** All other persons enrolled in a local League shall be associate members.

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Section 3. Termination of Membership. The status of members may be terminated in the manner set forth in this section.

- (a) A member may at any time voluntarily resign by delivering a written notice to the secretary. Resignation will be effective on the date and time of the receipt of such notice.
- (b) League membership automatically terminates upon the death of a member.
- (c) The board may terminate or suspend a membership, or expel or suspend such a member, for nonpayment of dues or for conduct which the board shall deem inimical to the best interests of the LWVC, including, without limitation, flagrant violation of any provision of these bylaws or failure to satisfy such membership qualifications. The board shall give the member who is the subject of the proposed action 15 days' prior notice of the proposed expulsion, suspension, or termination and the reasons therefor. The member may submit a written statement to the board regarding the proposed action not less than five days before the effective date of the proposed expulsion, suspension or termination. Prior to the effective date of the proposed expulsion, suspension, or termination, the board shall review any such statement submitted and shall determine the mitigating effect, if any, of the information contained therein on the proposed expulsion, suspension or termination. A suspended member shall not be entitled to exercise any of the voting rights set forth in these bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

RECOGNITION OF LOCAL LEAGUES, MEMBER-AT-LARGE UNITS AND INTER-LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1. Local Leagues. Local Leagues are those Leagues within the State of California that have been recognized by the LWVUS.

Section 2. Recognition of Local Leagues. The board shall recommend to LWVUS that it recognize as a local League any group of members of the LWVC in any community within California provided the group meets qualifying standards for local Leagues as adopted by the LWVUS.

Section 3. Withdrawal of Recognition. In the event of recurring failure of a local League or ILO to meet these qualifying standards, the board may recommend to the LWVUS that it withdraw recognition from such local League. All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the LWVC. All funds held by an inter-League organization shall be prorated among member Leagues by size.

Section 4. Member-at-Large Units.

- (a) The board has the responsibility for the establishment of new Leagues. The board may authorize the establishment of member-at-large units in communities in which a group wants to establish a local League or in which the establishment of a recognized local League is not feasible. The member-at-large units shall operate within the limitations established by the LWVUS and with guidelines adopted by the board.
- (b) In the event of recurring failure to adhere to guidelines for member-at-large units or to operate within the limitations established by the LWVUS, the board may withdraw approval of the member-at-large unit. All funds held by a member-at-large unit from which approval has been withdrawn shall be paid to the LWVC.

Section 5. Inter-League Organizations.

- (a) Members enrolled in local Leagues may organize an inter-League organization in order to promote the purposes of the League and to take action on governmental matters within its jurisdiction.
- (b) Inter-League organizations must meet the qualifying standards of the LWVUS.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number of Directors. The authorized number of directors shall be not more than 21. This number of directors includes the officers designated in Article VI, Section 1, who shall also serve as directors.

Section 2. Selection of Directors. Of the directors taking office following a biennial convention, at least two-thirds, including those positions held by officers, shall have been elected by a majority of those eligible to vote and voting at the biennial convention. Up to one-third of the new board may be selected by the newly elected directors at the first meeting of the board following the biennial convention. The total number of directors on any board following a biennial convention shall not exceed 150 percent of the number elected at the biennial convention, and may not exceed the total provided for in Section 1 of this article.

Section 3. Term of Office. The elected directors shall take office on July 1 following the biennial convention and serve for two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The appointed directors shall hold office concurrently with the term of the elected directors.

Section 4. Qualifications. All directors must be voting members of the LWVUS and either a local League member or LWVC member-at-large.

Section 5. Vacancies. Subject to the provision of Section 5226 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, any director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the president or the secretary or the board. Such resignation will be effective when received unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. If the resignation is effective at a future time, a successor may be selected before such time, to take office when the resignation becomes effective.

Vacancies in the board shall be filled in the same manner as the director whose office is vacant was selected, provided that vacancies to be filled by election may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, although less than a quorum, or by the sole remaining director. Each director so selected shall hold office until the expiration of the term of the replaced director and until a successor has been selected and qualified. A vacancy or vacancies in the board shall be deemed to exist in case of the death, resignation or removal of any director, or if the authorized number of directors is increased.

The board may declare vacant the office of a director who has been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court, or convicted of a felony, or been found by a final order or judgment of any court to have breached any duty arising under Section 5230 and following of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

No reduction of the authorized number of directors shall have the effect of removing any director prior to the expiration of the director's term of office.

Section 6. Powers and Duties. Subject to the limitations of the articles of incorporation (hereinafter referred to as the "articles") and these bylaws, the activities and affairs of the LWVC shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the control of the board. The board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out programs on selected governmental issues as adopted by the biennial convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the LWVUS for the organization and development of local Leagues and inter-League organizations, for the carrying out of programs, and for promotion in the local Leagues of finance programs necessary to further the work of the League as a whole.

The board may delegate the management of the activities of the LWVC to any person or persons, a management company, or committees however composed, provided that the activities and affairs of the LWVC shall be managed and all corporate powers shall be exercised under the ultimate direction of the board.

Without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the board shall have the following powers in addition to the other powers enumerated in these bylaws:

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- (a) To select and remove all the agents and employees of the LWVC, prescribe powers and duties for them as may not be inconsistent with law, the articles, or these bylaws, fix their compensation, and require from them security for faithful service;
- (b) To conduct, manage, and control the affairs and activities of the LWVC and to make such rules and regulations therefor not inconsistent with law, the articles or these bylaws, as they may deem best;
- (c) To authorize the issuance of memberships of the LWVC from time to time, upon such terms and for such consideration as may be lawful; and
- (d) To borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purposes of the LWVC, and to cause to be executed and delivered therefor, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecation, or other evidences of debt and securities therefor.

Section 7. Regular Meetings. There shall be at least five regular meetings of the board annually at such time and place as the board may determine.

Section 8. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the board for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the president or any five directors.

Special meetings of the board shall be held upon four days' notice by first-class mail or 48 hours' notice delivered personally or by telephone, including a voice messaging system or other system designed to record and communicate messages, telegraph, facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means. Such notices shall be addressed to each director at the address shown on the books of the LWVC.

Section 9. Quorum. A majority of the number of officers and directors constitutes a quorum of the board for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 12 of this Article V. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the board, unless a greater number be required by law or by the articles, except as provided in the next sentence. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting.

Section 10. Meetings by Conference Telephone or Other Means. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone, electronic video screen communication, or other communications equipment. Participation in a meeting through use of conference telephone constitutes presence in person at that meeting so long as all directors participating in the meeting are able to hear one another. Participation in a meeting through use of electronic video screen communication or other communications equipment (other than conference telephone) constitutes presence in person at that meeting if all of the following apply:

- (a) Each director participating in the meeting can communicate with all of the other directors concurrently;
- (b) Each director is provided the means of participating in all matters before the board, including, without limitation, the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the LWVC;
- (c) The LWVC adopts and implements some means of verifying 1) that all persons participating in the meeting are directors of the LWVC or are otherwise entitled to participate in the meeting, and 2) that all actions of, or votes by, the board are taken and cast only by directors and not by persons who are not directors.

Section 11. Waiver of Notice. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who signs a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding the meeting or an approval of the minutes thereof, whether before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to such director. All such waivers, consents and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the meetings.

Section 12. Adjournment. A majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any directors' meeting to another time and place. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to absent directors if the time and place be fixed at the meeting adjourned, except as provided in the next sentence. If the meeting is adjourned for more than 24 hours, notice of any adjournment to another time or place shall be given prior to the time for the adjourned meeting to the directors who were not present at the time of

the adjournment.

Section 13. Rights of Inspection. Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect and copy all books, records and documents of every kind and to inspect the physical properties of the LWVC of which such person is a director.

Section 14. Committees of the Board. The board may appoint one or more committees, each consisting of two or more directors, and delegate to such committees any of the authority of the board except with respect to:

- (a) The approval of any action for which the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law also requires approval of the members or approval of a majority of all members;
- (b) The filling of vacancies on the board or on the executive and legislative committees;
- (c) The fixing of compensation of the directors for serving on the board or any committee;
- (d) The amendment or repeal of bylaws or the adoption of new bylaws;
- (e) The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the board which by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable;
- (f) The appointment of other committees of the board or the members thereof;
- (g) The expenditure of corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected; or
- (h) The approval of any self-dealing transaction, as such transactions are defined in Section 5233 (a) of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Any such committee must be created, and the members thereof appointed, by resolution adopted by a majority of the authorized number of directors then in office, provided a quorum is present, and any such committee may be designated an executive committee or by such other name as the board shall specify. The board may appoint, in the same manner, alternate members of any committee who may replace any absent member at any meeting of the committee. The board shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which proceedings of any such committee shall be conducted. In the absence of any such prescription, such committee shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which its proceedings shall be conducted. Unless the board or such committee shall otherwise provide, the regular and special meetings and other actions of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of this Article V applicable to meetings and actions of the board. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of each committee.

Section 15. Executive Committee.

- (a) **Composition.** The executive committee shall be composed of the president, the first vice president, the second vice president, the secretary and the treasurer. Three members shall constitute a quorum.
- (b) **Duties.** The executive committee shall transact emergency business between meetings of the board of directors. The proceedings of the executive committee shall be reported to the board at its next meeting for ratification.

Section 16. Fees and Compensation. Directors and members of the committees may receive such compensation, if any, for their services, and such reimbursement for expense, as may be fixed or determined by the board.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the LWVC shall be a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall take office on July 1 after being elected at the biennial convention and hold office for two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Section 2. President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the board of directors unless the president designates someone else to preside. In the absence or disability of the treasurer, the president may sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The president shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the

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nominating committee and the audit committee, and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the board.

Section 3. First Vice President. The first vice president in the event of the absence, disability, or death of the president shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office until the board of directors shall fill the vacancy. The first vice president shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, by the articles of incorporation, or by these bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the board of directors. In the absence or disability of the treasurer, the first vice president may sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes.

Section 4. Second Vice President. The second vice president shall oversee state advocacy and program. The second vice president shall, in the event of the absence, disability, or death of the president and first vice president, possess all the powers and perform all of the duties of the office of the president until the board of directors shall fill the vacancy.

Section 5. Secretary. The secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal office or such other place as the board may order, a book of minutes of all meetings of the board and its committees, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, and, if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given, the names of those present at board and committee meetings, and the proceedings thereof. The secretary shall also keep minutes of the biennial convention and council and shall sign with the president all contracts and such instruments when so authorized by the board. The secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal office in the State of California the original or a copy of the LWVC's articles and bylaws, as amended to date.

The secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the board and any committees thereof required by these bylaws or by law to be given, shall keep the seal of the LWVC in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board.

Section 6. Treasurer. The treasurer is the chief financial officer of the LWVC and shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the LWVC. The books of account shall at all times be open to inspection by any director. The treasurer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the LWVC with such depositories as may be designated by the board. The treasurer shall disburse the funds of the LWVC as may be ordered by the board, shall render to the president and the directors, whenever they request it, an account of all transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the LWVC, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board.

ARTICLE VII OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 1. Endorsement of Documents, Contracts. Subject to the provisions of applicable law, any note, mortgage, evidence of indebtedness, contract, conveyance or other instrument in writing and any assignment or endorsement thereof executed or entered into between the LWVC and any other person, when signed by the president or vice president and the secretary, any assistant secretary, the treasurer or any assistant treasurer of the LWVC shall be valid and binding on the LWVC in the absence of actual knowledge on the part of the other person that the signing officers had no authority to execute the same. Any such instruments may be signed by any other person or persons and in such manner as from time to time shall be determined by the board, and, unless so authorized by the board, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the LWVC by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to tender it liable for any purpose or amount.

Section 2. Representation of Shares of Other Corporations. The president or any other officer or officers authorized by the board or the president are each authorized to vote, represent and exercise on behalf of the LWVC all rights incident to any and all shares of any corporation or corporations standing in the name of the LWVC. The authority herein granted may be exercised either by any such officer in person or by any other person authorized so to do by proxy or power of attorney duly executed by said officer.

Section 3. Construction and Definitions. Unless the context otherwise requires, the general provisions, rules of

construction and definitions contained in the General Provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law and in the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, “agent” means any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or other agent of the LWVC, or is or was serving at the request of the LWVC as a director, officer, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, or was a director, officer, employee or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation which was a predecessor corporation of the LWVC or of another enterprise at the request of such predecessor corporation; “proceeding” means any threatened, pending or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative; and “expenses” includes without limitation attorneys’ fees and any expenses of establishing a right to indemnification under Sections 4 or 5 (b) of this article.

Section 2. Indemnifications in Actions by Third Parties. The LWVC shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the LWVC to procure a judgment in its favor, an action brought under Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, or an action brought by the Attorney General or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General for any breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust) by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the LWVC, against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the LWVC and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct of such person was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, convention or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the LWVC or that the person had reasonable cause to believe that the person’s conduct was unlawful.

Section 3. Indemnification in Actions by or in the Right of the Corporation. The LWVC shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action by or in the right of the LWVC, or brought under Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, or brought by the Attorney General or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General for breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust, to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the LWVC, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action if such person acted in good faith, in a manner such person believed to be in the best interests of the LWVC and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. No indemnification shall be made under this Section 3:

- (a) In respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the LWVC in the performance of such person’s duty to the LWVC, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such proceeding is or was pending shall determine upon application that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses which such court shall determine;
- (b) Of amounts paid in settling or otherwise disposing of a threatened or pending action, with or without court approval; or
- (c) Of expenses incurred in defending a threatened or pending action which is settled or otherwise disposed of without court approval, unless it is settled with the approval of the Attorney General.

Section 4. Indemnification Against Expenses. To the extent that an agent of the LWVC has been successful on the merits in defense of any proceeding referred to in Sections 2 or 3 of this article or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, the agent shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the agent in connection therewith.

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Section 5. Required Determinations. Except as provided in Section 4 of this article, any indemnification under this article shall be made by the LWVC only if authorized in the specific case, upon determination that indemnification of the agent is proper in the circumstances because the agent has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 2 or 3 of this article by:

- (a) A majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who are not parties to such proceedings; or
- (b) The court in which such proceeding is or was pending upon application made by the LWVC or the agent or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not such application by the agent, attorney or other person is opposed by the LWVC; or
- (c) Approval of the members with the person to be indemnified not being entitled to vote thereon.

Section 6. Advance of Expenses. Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be advanced by the LWVC prior to the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of any undertaking by or on behalf of the agent to repay such amount unless it shall be determined ultimately that the agent is entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this article.

Section 7. Other Indemnification. No provision made by the LWVC to indemnify its or its subsidiary's directors or officers for the defense of any proceeding, whether contained in the articles, bylaws, a resolution of members or directors, an agreement or otherwise, shall be valid unless consistent with this article. Nothing contained in this article shall affect any right to indemnification to which persons other than such directors and officers may be entitled by contract or otherwise.

Section 8. Forms of Indemnification Not Permitted. No indemnification or advance shall be made under this article, except as provided in Sections 4 or 5(b), in any circumstances where it appears:

- (a) That it would be inconsistent with a provision of the articles, these bylaws, a resolution of the members or an agreement in effect at the time of the accrual of the alleged cause of action asserted in the proceeding in which the expenses were incurred or other amount were paid, which prohibits or otherwise limits indemnification; or
- (b) That it would be inconsistent with any condition expressly imposed by a court in approving a settlement.

Section 9. Insurance. The LWVC shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any agent of the LWVC against any liability asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such whether or not the LWVC would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the provisions of the articles, provided, however, that a corporation shall have no power to purchase and maintain such insurance to indemnify any agent of the LWVC for a violation of Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Benefit Corporation Law.

ARTICLE IX FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the LWVC shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

Section 2. Budget. The board shall submit to the biennial convention or council for adoption a budget for the ensuing year. The budget shall provide for the support of the LWVC. A copy of the budget shall be sent to each local League and ILO president at least one month in advance of the biennial convention or council.

Section 3. Fiscal Report. The board shall send on a biennial basis to delegate members and local and ILO presidents, and on an annual basis to directors and any delegate member or local League or ILO president who requests such in writing, a fiscal report containing the following information. Such report shall be sent not later than 120 days following the end of the LWVC's fiscal year.

- (a) The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the LWVC as of the end of the fiscal year.
- (b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during fiscal year.
- (c) The revenue or receipts of the LWVC, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for

the fiscal year.

- (d) The expenses or disbursements of the LWVC, for both general and restricted purposes, during the fiscal year.
- (e) A copy of any report of independent accountants or, if there is no such report, the certificate of an authorized officer of the LWVC that such statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the LWVC.

Section 4. Report on Transactions with Interested Persons.

- (a) Within 120 days of the end of the LWVC's fiscal year, the board shall send to delegate members, local League presidents, and directors a report on any transaction in which the LWVC, its parent or subsidiary was a party and which either of the following had a direct or indirect material financial interest:
 - (1) any director or officer of the LWVC, or its parent or subsidiary; or
 - (2) any holder of more than ten percent of the voting power of the LWVC or its parent or subsidiary.
- (b) The report shall briefly describe:
 - (1) Any covered transaction during the previous fiscal year involving more than \$40,000, or which was one of a number of covered transactions in which the same interested person had a direct or indirect material financial interest, and which transactions in the aggregate involved more than \$40,000; and
 - (2) The names of the interested persons involved in such transactions, stating such person's relationship to the LWVC, the nature of such person's interest in the transaction, and, where practicable, the amount of such interest, provided that in the case of a transaction with a partnership of which such person is a partner, only the interest of the partnership need be stated.
- (c) No such report need be sent if no transactions of the type occurred during the fiscal year.

Section 5. Budget Committee. The budget shall be prepared by a committee which shall be appointed by the board for that purpose at least four months in advance of the biennial convention or council. The budget committee shall consist of no fewer than five members including a chair, the treasurer and the development director. The majority of the members of this committee, including the chair, shall not be members of the state board.

Section 6. Financial Support.

- (a) Local League members and associate local League members who are enrolled in a local League shall pay annual dues to the local League. Each local League shall pay to the LWVC a uniform amount for each such member, allowing a reduction of one-half for each additional member residing in the same household and for each student member. The amount of per member payment is to be determined according to the amount necessary to fund the LWVC as provided for in the budget adopted by the biennial convention or council.
- (b) The LWVC may authorize the payment of a designated part of each per member payment to the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund.

Section 7. Audit Committee. The board shall appoint an audit committee to oversee the LWVC's financial reporting process on behalf of the board.

- (a) Composition. The audit committee shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a person who is not on the board. The president, treasurer, and staff members are not eligible to serve on the committee. No more than one member of the finance committee may serve on the audit committee. The chair of the audit committee shall not be a member of the finance committee and shall be selected by majority vote of the committee members.
- (b) Duties. The duties of the audit committee shall be as follows:
 - (1) Recommend to the board of directors the retention and termination of the independent auditor;
 - (2) Negotiate the compensation of the auditor on behalf of the board;
 - (3) Confer with the auditor to satisfy the committee members that the financial affairs of the LWVC are in order;

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- (4) Review and determine whether to recommend that the board accept the audit;
- (5) Approve the hiring of the audit firm for any non-audit services and assess the performance of such services; and
- (6) Review and monitor internal controls and procedures.

Section 8. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of a dissolution for any cause of the LWVC, all money and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the LWVC shall be paid to the LWVUS. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the LWVC shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the organization having possession of same to such person, organization, or corporation, for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the board.

ARTICLE X

BIENNIAL CONVENTION AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Place and Date. The LWVC shall hold a biennial meeting of all members by representation through elected delegates. A convention for delegates, local League and ILO presidents, and directors shall be held biennially between April 15 and May 31 in odd-numbered years. This shall be known as the biennial convention. The time and place of the biennial convention shall be determined by the board.

Section 2. Composition. The biennial convention shall consist of:

- (a) the delegates chosen by the local Leagues in the number provided in Section 4 of this article;
- (b) the local League and ILO presidents or alternate, in the event the president is unable to attend; and
- (c) the directors of the LWVC.

Section 3. Voting. Each delegate, local League and ILO president, and director shall be entitled to one vote only at the biennial convention, even though attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. Each local League president and delegate representing a local League shall be entitled to vote only if that League has met its per member payment (PMP) responsibilities. The board may make an exception in the case of proven hardship. All elections for officers and directors must be by ballot upon the written demand made by a delegate, local League or ILO president, or director at the biennial convention and before the voting begins. In the election of officers and directors, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes of those persons voting are elected.

Voting shall in all cases be subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. Cumulative voting shall not be allowed in any voting.

Section 4. Representation. The local Leagues shall be entitled to delegates in proportion to their membership as of the record date of the year of the biennial convention in accordance with Article X, Section 8. Each local League shall be entitled to at least one delegate in addition to the local League president as provided in Article X, Section 2(b). When local League membership reaches 51 voting members, the local League shall be entitled to one additional delegate. Thereafter, one additional delegate shall be authorized for each additional 50 members.

Section 5. Authorization for Action. The biennial convention shall consider and authorize for action a program, shall elect directors as described in Article V, Section 2 (four of whom shall be the officers designated in Article V, Section 1) and three members of the nominating committee, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as shall be presented.

Section 6. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegate members, local League and ILO presidents, and directors registered at the biennial convention, provided that not less than a majority of local Leagues are represented.

Section 7. Notice of Biennial Convention. Written notice of each biennial convention shall be given not less than 30 nor more than 90 days before the date of the biennial convention to each delegate member, local League and ILO president, and director. The president shall send a first call to the biennial convention to delegate members and local League and ILO presidents, and directors not less than 90 days prior to the opening date of the biennial convention

fixed in said call. Thereafter the board may advance or postpone the opening date of the biennial convention not more than two weeks from the date fixed in the first call. A final call to the biennial convention shall be sent by the president to delegate members, local League and ILO presidents, and directors not less than 30 nor more than 90 days before the biennial convention. Both notices shall state the place, date and hour of the biennial convention. The final call shall include those matters which the board, at the time of the mailing of the notice, intends to present for action. However, subject to the provisions of applicable law, any proper matter may be presented at the biennial convention for such action. The final call shall also include the names of all those who are nominees for director at the time the notice is sent.

All notices required by law or these bylaws may be given by any of the following methods as determined by the board:

- (a) By sending such notice electronically or by first class mail to the last known address of the delegate member, local League or ILO president, or director as shown by the records of the LWVC; or
- (b) By publishing such notice in the publication which is the official organ of the LWVC and by mailing a copy thereof to such member; or
- (c) By any other method provided by these bylaws or determined by the board in accordance with the applicable law.

Section 8. Record Date. The official membership count shall be determined by records of voting members as reported to the LWVUS in January of the year in which the LWVC convention is held.

Section 9. Inspection of Corporate Records. Subject to Sections 6330, 6331, and 6332 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, delegate members, local League and ILO presidents, and directors may do either or both of the following for a purpose reasonably related to such member's interest as a member:

- (a) Inspect and copy the record of all the names, addresses and voting rights of delegate members, local League and ILO presidents, and directors, at reasonable times, upon five business days' prior written demand upon the LWVC, which demand shall state the purpose for which the inspection rights are requested; and/or
- (b) Obtain from the secretary of the LWVC, upon written demand and tender of a reasonable charge, a list of the names, addresses, and voting rights of those members entitled to vote for the election of directors, as of the most recent record date for which it has been compiled or as of a date specified by the member subsequent to the date of demand. The demand shall state the purpose for which the list is requested. The secretary shall make the list available on or before the later of ten business days after the demand is received or after the date specified therein as the date as of which the list is to be compiled.

The LWVC may, within ten business days after receiving a demand, as set forth above in subparagraph (a) or (b) of this Section 9, deliver to the person(s) making the demand a written offer of an alternative method of achieving the purpose identified in said demand without providing access to or a copy of the list. Any rejection of the LWVC's offer shall be in writing and shall indicate the reasons the alternative proposed by the LWVC does not meet the proper purpose of the demand made pursuant to subparagraph (a) or (b) of this Section 9.

The accounting books and records and minutes of proceedings of the delegate members, local League and ILO presidents, and the board and committees of the board shall be open to inspection upon written demand on the LWVC of any delegate member, local League president, ILO president, or director at any reasonable time for a purpose reasonably related to such person's interests as a member.

Section 10. Inspection of Articles and Bylaws. The LWVC shall keep in its principal office in the State of California the original or a copy of its articles and of these bylaws as amended to date, which shall be open to inspection by delegate members, local League and ILO presidents, and directors at all reasonable times during office hours.

ARTICLE XI

COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN EVEN YEARS

Section 1. Composition. A meeting of members in even-numbered years shall be held through representation in ac-

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cordance with the procedures and for the purposes set forth in this Article XI. This meeting shall be known as a council. A council shall be held each even-numbered year in the interim between biennial conventions. The council shall be composed of the local League and ILO presidents as the delegate of the members of such local League and ILO, or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend, and directors of the LWVC.

Section 2. Place, Date, Call and Notification. A meeting of the council shall be held approximately 12 months after the preceding biennial convention. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the directors. A formal notice of the council meeting shall be sent by the president to the local League and ILO presidents, and directors not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days before a council meeting. Such notification shall be sent electronically or by first class mail. Special meetings may be called in case of extreme emergency. The call shall be in the same manner as the biennial convention, but to presidents of local Leagues and ILOs, and directors only.

Section 3. Voting. Each delegate member and director shall be entitled to only one vote at council. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Section 4. Powers. The council shall give guidance to the board on program, budget and methods of operation.

(a) In the event of an emergency, the council may change the program of the LWVC, as defined in Article XIII, Section 2, upon the recommendation of the board of directors, a local League or ILO, using the following procedure:

- (1) At least 60 days prior to the council meeting any local League proposing a change shall submit it to the board which shall decide whether to recommend it;
- (2) No more than 60 nor less than 20 days prior to the council meeting, the board shall send to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs all proposed changes;
- (3) Any change proposed by a local League or ILO and not recommended by the board shall first require a majority vote of the council for consideration; and
- (4) A three-fifths vote shall be required to adopt any change.

(b) The council shall adopt a budget for the fiscal year.

(c) The council shall transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of not less than 50 percent of the number of local League and ILO presidents plus a majority of the board of directors for the transaction of business at a council meeting.

ARTICLE XII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee.

(a) The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be directors. The chair and two members who shall not be directors shall be elected by the biennial convention. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the biennial convention. Nominating committee members shall hold office for a term of two years beginning July 1 after the biennial convention or until their successors are elected and qualified. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the board and their term of office shall run concurrently with the term of office of the elected members.

(b) Any vacancy occurring in the nominating committee shall be filled by the board.

(c) The name and address of the nominating committee chair shall be sent to the local League and ILO presidents. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee chair to solicit from each local League and ILO through its president, suggestions for nominations for the offices to be filled.

- (d) The nominating committee shall send nomination guidelines to all local Leagues and ILO presidents by February 1 of the year following the biennial convention.

Section 2. Suggestions by Members. Any LWVC member may send suggestions to the nominating committee.

Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the chair and two members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to local Leagues and ILOs one month before date of the biennial convention. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the biennial convention on the first day of the biennial convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the biennial convention, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 4. Elections. The election committee appointed by the president on the first day of the biennial convention shall be in charge of the election. The election shall be by ballot, except that if there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be by voice vote. A majority vote of those present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE XIII PROGRAM

Section 1. Principles. The governmental Principles as adopted by the national convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Section 2. Program. The Program of the LWVC shall consist of:

- (a) action to implement the Principles, and
- (b) those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3. Biennial Convention Action. The biennial convention shall act upon the program using the following procedures:

- (a) Local League and ILO boards may make recommendations for a program to the board by a date, set by the board, that falls within the four months prior to biennial convention.
- (b) The board shall consider the recommendations and shall formulate a proposed program which shall be submitted to the local League and ILO boards of directors at least one month prior to the biennial convention, together with a list of not-recommended items.
- (c) A majority of those present and voting shall be required for the adoption of the program proposed by the board; and
- (d) Any recommendations for the program submitted to the board by the deadline set by the board prior to the biennial convention, but not proposed by the board, may be adopted by the biennial convention, provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote and on a following day the proposal for adoptions receives a three-fifths vote.

Section 4. Council Action. The Council may change the program as provided in Article XI.

Section 5. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVC only when authorized to do so by the board.

Section 6. Local League and Inter-League Organization Action. Local Leagues and ILOs may take action on state governmental matters only when authorized by the LWVC board. Local Leagues and ILOs may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the LWVC.

ARTICLE XIV NATIONAL CONVENTION AND COUNCIL

Section 1. National Convention. The board, at a meeting, shall elect delegates to the national convention in the num-

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ber allowed the LWVC under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

Section 2. National Council. The board shall elect delegates to the meeting of the council of the LWVUS at a meeting preceding such council meeting in the number allowed the LWVC under provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

ARTICLE XV

CONFERENCES AND AREA MEETINGS

Such regional conferences and area meetings as may be deemed necessary shall be called by the board or on the written request of five local Leagues and ILOs.

ARTICLE XVI

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, current edition, shall govern the LWVC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XVII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any biennial convention by a two-thirds vote using the following procedure:

- (a) Proposals for bylaw amendments shall be submitted by any local League or ILO board of directors to the board no later than December 15, prior to a biennial convention;
- (b) All such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the board shall be sent electronically or by first class mail by the board to the presidents of local Leagues and ILOs not less than 30 days prior to the biennial convention; and
- (c) The presidents of the local Leagues shall notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. The failure of a local League president to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate the amendments to the bylaws.

Section 2. When required by law, these bylaws may be amended by the board of directors subject to ratification at a subsequent biennial convention.

Adopted by the April 1981 Convention

Amended: April 1983; April 1985; May 1987; April 1989; April 1991; April 1993; May 1995; April 1997; May 2001; May 2003; May 2005; May 2007; May 2009.

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CONVENTION RULES AND PROCEDURES 2011

Adoption of the Convention Rules

A motion to adopt the convention rules will be made at the opening plenary session. Amendments may be offered at this time and require a majority vote to adopt.

The convention rules, as proposed or amended, require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

To suspend a rule at a later time requires a two-thirds vote.

Adoption of the Order of Business

A motion to adopt the order of business will be made at the opening plenary session, following the adoption of the convention rules.

The proposed order of business may be amended by a majority vote before it is adopted and requires a majority vote for adoption.

To change the order of business after adoption requires a two-thirds vote.

PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

1. **ADMISSION** to the convention shall be limited to persons displaying authorized badges. Badges must be worn at all meetings of the convention.

2. **SEATING.** Only delegate members may sit in the delegate area. Observers, other non-voting members, and visitors shall sit in other areas as designated. Although persons may enter the plenary room after the meeting has begun, no one shall be seated during an address.

3. **VOTING.** Only accredited local League delegates, local League and ILO presidents or their alternates, and members of the LWVC board may vote.

4. **ALTERNATES.** If a delegate is taken ill, or due to an emergency is forced to give up delegate status, the delegate's badge must be turned in to the registration committee chair immediately, so an alternate, if available, can replace the delegate. The alternate must obtain the proper badge from the registration committee chair and the change must be noted. The original delegate may regain delegate status by repeating the above procedure.

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A delegate who temporarily leaves the meeting hall may not relinquish his/her badge to an alternate to vote in his/her stead.

5. **OBSERVERS.** Each authorized Member-at-Large (MAL) unit may be represented at convention by an official observer.

6. **VISITORS.** Other League members or nonmembers may attend as visitors and may observe all convention meetings and other events where space permits. They do not participate in discussion or vote.

7. **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.** Past state presidents, national board members, state board nominees, budget and nominating committee chairs, official observers, consultants, and committee members shall be extended the privilege of the floor. This includes participation in discussion and debate, but NOT in voting.

8. **DEBATE AND DISCUSSION.**

a) Anyone addressing the convention shall use a microphone.

b) Upon recognition by the chair, the speaker shall state her/his name and League.

c) During debate on a motion, no person may speak more than once on that question until all others who wish to speak have done so. No person shall speak more than twice on the same motion.

d) Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker. The chair is authorized to shorten or extend the time as deemed necessary.

e) During free discussion, the rules for formal debate do not apply, but remarks should be limited to no more than two minutes. No motions are allowed during free discussion.

9. **MOTIONS.** Main motions, or amendments of substantial length, must be in writing on forms provided by the ushers. Give the original and two copies to a page for delivery to the chair, the secretary and the viewgraph operator. The last copy shall be retained by the maker of the motion.

10. **MOTIONS OR REQUESTS THAT INTERRUPT THE SPEAKER.** Delegates who wish to interrupt the speaker with motions such as points of order, parliamentary inquiry, personal privilege, or requests for information may use a red card at any microphone. (See Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance for motions that may interrupt.) Speakers shall first consult the parliamentary aide stationed at the microphone to determine whether use of the red card is appropriate. A red card may not be used for discussion or debate or to make any other motion.

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11. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF PROGRAM. The procedure shall be as follows:

a) At the plenary meeting on Friday, the proposed LWVC program for 2011–13 shall be presented by members of the LWVC board. No questions, motions, or debate are in order at this time. Delegates will then have one minute to announce their intent to move for consideration not-recommended items in order to inform delegates of areas of interest. No questions, motions, or debate are in order at this time.

b) At the plenary meeting on Saturday, at the time indicated in the order of business, members of the LWVC board shall move for adoption of the proposed program, as it appears in the Convention Workbook. There may be questions for clarification, with the response limited to one minute, but no debate or motions on these items will be in order. The proposed program has two sections: LWVC Positions, and LWVC Issues for Education and Advocacy.

c) Delegates may then move consideration of program items that are not recommended by the board, but that have submitted by local Leagues and received by the deadline set by the LWVC board, in accord with the bylaws. Items must be listed in the Convention Workbook and the wording must be that contained in the workbook list.

d) A delegate who moves consideration of an item that has not been recommended by the LWVC board may make a statement of no longer than three minutes explaining the reason for moving consideration. There may be questions for clarification, with the response limited to one minute, but no debate or motions on these items will be in order at this time.

e) After all the not-recommended items have been offered, the vote for consideration shall be taken in the order in which the items were presented for consideration

f) Announcement of the vote result shall be made immediately following the vote on each item and before a vote is taken on a subsequent item.

g) A majority vote is required to grant consideration of not-recommended items. Items that receive a majority vote are automatically before the convention for adoption without further motion.

h) If a not-recommended item is voted consideration, a delegate may request a statement from the LWVC board, limited to three minutes, giving its reasons for not recommending it.

i) Amendments. Wording of all items (recommended and not-recommended) may be amended during program discussion and debate at the time specified in the order of business. A recommended item may not be enlarged by amendment. The proposal must be presented as a not-recommended item.

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j) Adoption of Program. Adoption of program takes place as specified in the order of business. Items for the program will be voted on in the following order:

- 1) Recommended items in the order in which they were presented. A majority vote is required to adopt recommended items.
- 2) Not-recommended items in the order in which they were granted consideration. A three-fifths vote is required to adopt not-recommended items.

k) During the times specified in the agenda for program discussion and program debate, the chair will divide the time equally among the program items that have been granted consideration.

12. BUDGET ADOPTION. A balanced LWVC budget must be adopted by the convention delegates. A recommendation to increase or decrease income must be accompanied by a corresponding increase or decrease in expenditures. A recommendation to increase or decrease expenditures must be accompanied by a corresponding increase or decrease in income. The budget adjustment committee will be prepared to assist delegates.

13. RESOLUTIONS. Motions expressing the Will of the Convention must be submitted to the secretary as soon as possible, and no later than Saturday, May 14 at 3:30 p.m. following the close of the afternoon plenary session. The following procedure will be required:

- a) The Resolutions Committee will be appointed by the chair on Friday, May 13. It will be composed of the parliamentarian, two members of the LWVC board, and two other delegates. The program director/advocate will serve in an advisory role.
- b) The committee will evaluate the Resolutions to Express the Will of the Convention. The Resolutions Committee will meet on Saturday following the banquet. Sponsors may attend as may other interested delegates.
- c) Resolutions to Express the Will of the Convention are not intended to expand or modify the procedure described in Rule 11 for adoption of positions or Issues for Education and Advocacy. The following criteria will be used to judge the appropriateness of proposed resolutions.

Resolutions:

- should be within League Program
- should not circumvent the program process
- should involve a single, short term action
- should deal with topical, current issues
- should have minimum LWVC budgetary impact
- should be pertinent to California.

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d) The committee will screen, make findings, and have motions at the podium in time for the motions to be introduced during the Sunday morning plenary meeting. Presenters of Will of the Convention motions should meet at the podium at 8:45 a.m. prior to the opening of the morning session.

e) The Sunday morning presentation of appropriate Will of the Convention motions may not exceed two minutes. No debate is permitted at this time. The Chair may reduce as well as extend the time.

f) Debate and vote on motions deemed appropriate by the resolutions committee will take place on Sunday afternoon at the time specified. Will of the Convention motions are main motions and follow the standard parliamentary rules governing motions. Adoption requires a majority vote. The convention delegates may override, by a two-thirds vote, the decision of the resolutions committee on any motion deemed inappropriate by the committee.

14. CONCURRENCE. Program items may be proposed for concurrence if they have met the requirements in the Concurrence Policy printed in this Convention Workbook and have been submitted by the program planning deadline. Procedures for presentation and adoption of program in Convention Rule #11 apply.

15. ELECTION ACTIVITIES: In the case of any contested election for the LWVC board of directors the following campaign rules will be followed:

a) Flyers, biographical information and other election materials will be allowed only on a table provided by the convention committee outside the plenary session. The table will be clearly marked for candidate materials.

b) Individual signs and distribution of campaign materials will be allowed only beyond a 100-foot area outside the plenary session meeting room.

c) No person will wear campaign/electioneering material when appearing on the dais.

d) No person will advocate for a particular candidate while making a presentation to the plenary session or in a workshop.

e) A candidate forum—including time, place and date—will be announced at the beginning and end of each Saturday plenary session.

f) Each candidate will be responsible for removal of all signs, visual displays and other campaign material within one hour after the final plenary session. Rules of the hotel will be observed for attaching all materials within the hotel.

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g) The parliamentarian shall have the final ruling on any questions or disputes that arise from implementation of these rules or any policies.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS. All announcements will be made by the LWVC secretary. Announcements should be given to the secretary in writing at least one-half hour before the recess of each plenary session, and preferably before the start of each session. Only announcements which are germane to the business of the convention will be made.

TIPS ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Article XVI of the bylaws specifies Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (current edition), as the parliamentary authority. Refer to the chart, Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance, for assistance.

Use the microphones when speaking on the convention floor (except when seconding a motion). State your name and League. Organize your ideas; written notes help.

Motions may be amended by adding, inserting, striking out or by any combination of these. An entire section may be amended by substitution (a complicated procedure and delegates should consult the parliamentarian). All amendments must be germane to the main motion.

The microphones are designated "Pro" and "Con" during a debate to allow the chair to alternate the points of view expressed.

Votes are first taken by voice or standing vote at the option of the chair. When the chair cannot assess the results, the chair will call for a card vote (green for "Yes" and red for "No"). A supply of cards will be in the registration packet.

Study the proposed convention rules. They set procedures not covered in the bylaws. Parliamentary procedures are used to move the business of the convention and to control the general conduct of the meetings. See the chart, Parliamentary Procedures at a Glance. It will help you make the appropriate motion to accomplish your objectives.

Parliamentary Briefing

On Friday morning, from 8:45–9:30 a.m., there will be a parliamentary briefing for first-time and other interested delegates. The parliamentarian will also be available for consultation at other times throughout the convention.

Caucuses

Caucuses are meetings scheduled and run by delegates who want to organize for a major decision that the convention delegates will be making, usually adoption of a particular program item. The tradition that League delegates come to the convention “informed but not instructed” means that minds may be changed up until debate ends and the vote is taken.

At caucuses, delegates plan strategy to persuade the necessary majority of delegates to their point of view—one kind of strategy if their goal is to add or substitute an item not recommended by the board; a different strategy if the proposed program basically coincides with their League’s recommendations. (Don’t assume that anything is fait accompli just because it has emerged from the program planning process.)

When your caucus meets, plan your strategy: select a good spokesperson to present your issue for consideration; organize delegate support with a floor manager for the program discussion and debate, and formulate arguments in favor of your issue and against competing issues. Use the most effective tactics you have learned from League action efforts.

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Parliamentary Procedure At A Glance

(Adapted from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised)

The motions below are listed in established order of preference.

To Do This	You Say This	Can interrupt	Requires second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required	Can be reconsidered
Adjourn	I move to adjourn.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Call for an intermission	I move to recess for...minutes.	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Complain about noise, etc.	I rise to a question of privilege (state problem).	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides	No
Make sure that orders of the day are being followed	I call for the orders of the day.	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides	No
Temporarily suspend consideration of a question	I move to lay...on the table.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Close debate	I call the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes (1)
Limit or extend limits of debate	I move to limit (extend limits of) debate to...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Postpone discussion to a specific time	I move to postpone this matter until...	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
Have motion studied further	I move to refer the matter to a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend a motion	I move to amend by...(adding, deleting, inserting, striking out)	No	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes but only once	Majority	Yes
To prevent discussion or suppress a motion without letting it come to a vote	I move to postpone the motion indefinitely.	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes (Affirmative only)
Introduce business	I move that..., or I move that...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

The motions below have no established order of precedence. Any of them may be introduced when pertinent.

To Do This	You Say This	Can interrupt	Requires second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Required	Can be reconsidered
Challenge ruling of the chair	I appeal the decision of the chair.	Yes	Yes	Yes (3)	No	Majority to sustain decision	Yes
Ask for a standing vote	I call for a division.	Yes	No	No	No	None	No

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To Do This	You Say This	Can interrupt	Requires second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required	Can be reconsidered
Divide a pending question of two or more parts	I request that the motion be divided into two motions: (1)... and (2).	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Request information about meaning or effect of pending motion	I rise to a point of information.	Yes	No	No	No	None (4)	No
Request information about procedure	I rise to a point of parliamentary inquiry.	Yes	No	No	No	None (5)	No
To avoid discussion on unnecessary or embarrassing item	I object to consideration of the question.	Yes, but before debate has started	No	No	No	2/3 negative to sustain objection	Yes, negative vote only
Object to procedures	I rise to a point of order	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides	No
Withdraw a motion not stated by chair	I withdraw the motion	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides	No
Withdraw a motion after stated by chair	I ask permission to withdraw the motion	No	(6)	No	No	Majority	No
To suspend the rules temporarily	I move to suspend the rules on...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Reconsider a vote (7)	I move to reconsider the vote on...	(8)	Yes	Yes (9)	No	Majority	No
Rescind something previously adopted	I move to rescind the motion...	No	Yes	Yes (9)	Yes	2/3	Affirmative no
Take up a matter postponed temporarily (laid on the table)	I move to take from the table the motion...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No

Notes

1. Vote to close debate may be reconsidered only before the vote on the question being debated is taken.
2. When applied to a debatable motion.
3. Not debatable if it relates to a transgression of the rules of speaking (indecorum), to the priority of business, or if made while the immediate pending question is undebatable.
4. Maker of motion or other person with information responds to question.
5. Chair responds to question.
6. Yes, if made by maker of motion; no if made by another delegate.
7. May only be made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing side and must be made on the same day or succeeding day.
8. When another has been recognized, but not after she/he has begun to speak.
9. If original motion is debatable.

Resolution to Express the Will of Convention



In preparing your resolution, remember that the “whereas” clauses are the preamble, and there should not be more of them than are strictly necessary. The “resolved” clauses are the resolution and each clause should state a distinct and separate action to be taken. If there is only one action to be taken, only one “resolved” clause is needed.

Write your proposed resolution on this form (a second is needed) or staple it to this sheet. Remember to make two additional copies.

Deliver in triplicate to the LWVC secretary as early as possible, and no later than Saturday, May 14, at 3:15 p.m., following the close of the afternoon plenary session.

The resolutions committee will meet after the banquet on Saturday. **SPONSORS AND INTERESTED DELEGATES MAY ATTEND.**

Resolutions, along with findings of the resolutions committee, will be available for pickup at the podium 15 minutes prior to the start of the morning session on Sunday, May 20. The resolutions committee chair will deliver your resolution to the viewgraph table.

You will present your motion from any microphone. You will be given two minutes. If there are many resolutions, then each presenter’s time may be limited to one minute.

NAME _____ LEAGUE _____ HOTEL ROOM# _____
SECOND _____ LEAGUE _____ HOTEL ROOM# _____

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

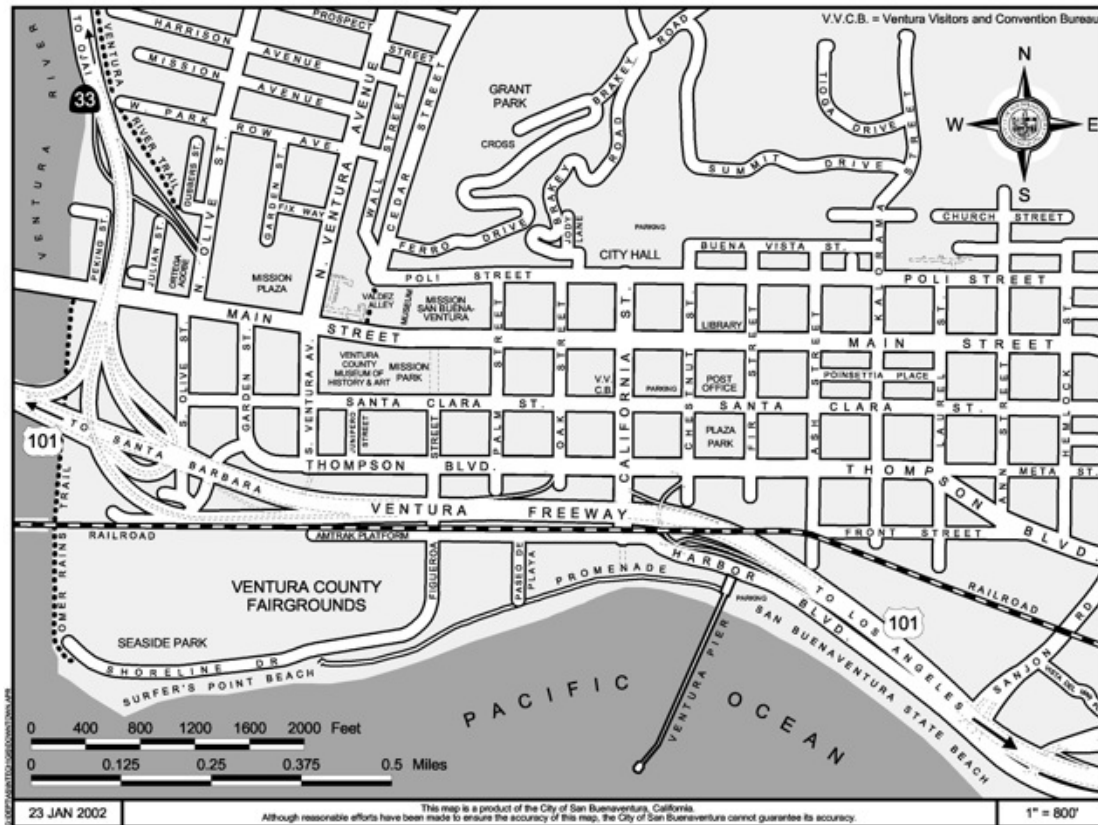
Format:

Whereas,.....;
Whereas,.....; (as many whereas clauses as needed)
Whereas,.....; therefore, be it
Resolved, That.....;
Resolved, That.....; and
Resolved, That.....

Area Information

Ventura Highlights

Within steps from the hotel, visitors will find the beach, its walking promenade, and the pier. Within walking distance, you'll find restaurants, shops, wine tasting, special food pantries, espresso, gifts, art and more in historic downtown Ventura.



Hotel and Area Information

Central Coast Highlights

The 18th Century San Buenaventura Mission:

Serves parishioners daily but is open to visitors M-F 10-5, Sat 9-5, Sunday 10-4. Self-guided tours of the mission and its gardens are available (\$2), but you might witness a wedding, funeral or a mass, depending on the timing of your visit. (805) 643-4318

Ventura County Museum of History and Art:

Tue – Sun 11 AM- 5PM; \$4 entry (\$3 for seniors); Free parking is available. For information (805) 653-0323.

Island Packer Trips to the Channel Islands:

There are five islands in this national park and destinations change based on the time of year, whether you wish to go for a full or half day, and whether you want to include hiking or kayaking. For more information, please visit www.islandpackers.com. Trips leave from the Ventura Harbor, 1691 Spinnaker Drive #105B or the Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard, about 5 miles away, at the corner of Harbor Blvd and Channel Islands Blvd. (805) 642-1393.

Olivas Abode, a California Historical Site:

This site houses an 1847 Hacienda of Rancho San Miguel, a wonderful example of a Monterey Style Adobe home, and its grounds and gardens. The grounds are open daily 10AM-4 PM, but tours are offered only on Saturday and Sunday. 4200 Olivas Park Drive, (805) 658-4728.

Camarillo Premium Outlets: Want to shop for bargains? There are 150 stores and restaurants in this 2 part set of outlet stores at 740 E. Ventura Blvd in Camarillo (101 to Las Posas Rd exit; turn left at the light onto Ventura Road intersection; outlets are to your immediate right and another set of stores is ¼ mile down the road on the right). Open 10 AM to 9 PM, Monday-Saturday; 10 AM to 8 PM Sunday. See a list of stores at www.premiumoutlets.com.

Historic Camarillo Ranch: View the historic ranch and its restored home in nearby Camarillo. The ranch has a rich history as one of the last Mexican land grants. Juan Camarillo obtained the Rancho from the original owners in 1875 and his eldest son, Adolfo Camarillo (1869-1958) operated it successfully for 68 years. The City of Camarillo is named after him and many area improvements were made possible because of his gifts of land. The historic 6000 sq. ft. home dates from 1892. The 14-room, three-story house was extensively remodeled in 1914 and is a splendid example of the Queen Anne Victorian style.

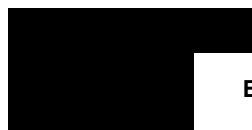
Tours are available Wednesdays from 12 noon to 4 PM. Docent guided tours are Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM, and Sunday 12 – 4 PM. A \$5 donation is requested. 201 Camarillo Ranch Road, (805) 389-8182.

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Hotel Floor Plan



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(refer to "League Sashes")

Schedule at a Glance



Thursday, May 14

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Workshops

Registration

Smart Voter Reception and Dinner

Friday, May 15

7:30 am – 6:00 pm

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

8:45 am – 9:30 am

10:00 am – 11:45 am

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

5:15 pm – 8:00 pm

8:30 pm – 10:30 pm

8:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Marketplace (closed during Plenary)

Registration

Parliamentary & Delegate Briefing

PLENARY SESSION

Luncheon

PLENARY SESSION

Workshops

Special Farm Dinner At Limoneria Ranch

Caucuses and Workshops

Budget Q & A

Saturday, May 16

6:30 am – 8:45 am

7:15 am – 8:45 am

7:30 am – 8:30 am

7:30 am – 6:00 pm

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

9:00 am – 11:30 am

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

1:30 pm – 3:15 pm

3:15 pm

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

9:30 pm – 11:00 pm

Breakfast Bar in Lobby (no host)

Caucuses and Workshops

Parliamentarian Available for Consultation

Marketplace (closed during Plenary)

Registration

PLENARY SESSION

Luncheon

PLENARY SESSION

Deadline for Submitting Resolutions

Expressing the Will of Convention

Workshops

Reception

Banquet

Caucuses, After Glow, Other Meetings

Sunday, May 17

7:00 am – 8:45 am

7:15 am – 8:45 am

7:30 am – 3:30 pm

7:30 am – 9:30 am

9:00 am – 11:30 am

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

3:00 pm

Breakfast Bar in Lobby (no host)

Caucuses and MTA Meeting

Marketplace (closed during Plenary)

Registration

PLENARY SESSION

President's Lunch and Learn

PLENARY SESSION

Adjourn