

**League of Women Voters of California**  
**Convention 2005**  
**"It's A New World"**  
**May 20-22, 2005**  
**Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort, Garden Grove, CA**

**CONVENTION WORKBOOK**  
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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MISSION

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

## Visions, 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 out path to the future.

# Welcome to Garden Grove and to Orange County

LWVC Convention 2005

"It's a New World"

May 19- 22, 2005

Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort

12021 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840

## 2003-2005 STATE BOARD

### OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Jackie Jacobberger
<b>Executive Vice President</b>	Barbara Hopkins
<b>Secretary</b>	Wendy Phillips
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<b>Election Systems</b>	Ray Bennett
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<b>Juvenile Justice/Dependency</b>	Pat Kuhl
<b>Land Use</b>	Ora Huth
<b>Mental Health Care</b>	Mary-Evelyn Bryden
<b>Public Libraries</b>	Karen Butter
<b>Reproductive Choices</b>	Sheila Hoff
<b>State and Local Finances</b>	Anne Henderson
<b>Transportation</b>	Jeff Davis
<b>Water &amp; Agriculture</b>	Roberta Borgonovo
<b>Water &amp; Agriculture</b>	Polly Smith

# CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

## LWVC 61st Convention “It’s a New World”

**Hosted by  
The Five Leagues of Orange County**

Committee Co-chair	Mary-Evelyn Bryden	Orange County ILO
Committee Co-chair	Joan Riddle	Orange County ILO
Chief Operational Officer	Kay Bruce	North Orange County
Treasurer	Burnett Cohen	North Orange County
Registration Chair	Joan Cohen	North Orange County
Volunteers Chair	Shirley Bloom	North Orange County
Registration Assistant	Monika Broome	North Orange County
Secretary	Eleanor Fumanti	North Orange County
Hospitality Co-chair	Sharon Holdt	Capistrano Bay Area
Hospitality Co-chair	Sandy Exelby	Capistrano Bay Area
Communications Chair	Eileen Olmstead	North Orange County
Convention News Editor	Tricia Harrigan	Orange Coast
Fundraising Chair	Charlotte Pirch	Orange Coast
Media Coordinator	Judy Lewis	Orange Coast
Marketplace Chair	Phyllis Maywhort	Orange Coast
Gala Reception	Arline Burgmeier	North Orange County
Luncheon Chair	Sally Stanton	Central Orange County Area
Workroom Chair	Marilyn Dettman	Central Orange County Area
President’s Breakfast Chair	Christina Lucey	Orange Coast
Banquet Co-chair	Marge England	North Orange County
Banquet Co-chair	Bette Frazier	North Orange County

State Board Liaison—Barbara Hopkins, Executive Vice President

## AGENDA AT A GLANCE\*

\* Tentative. Complete agenda, to be proposed for adoption, will be distributed with registration materials at the convention.

<b>Thursday, May 19, 2005</b>	
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	LWVC Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	Smart Voter Workshop ..... See page 77
4:45 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Marketplace open
5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Registration open
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Smart Voter Dinner/Speaker ..... See page 77
7:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m.	Caucuses ..... See page 81
<b>Friday, May 20, 2005</b>	
7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	Marketplace open
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Registration open
7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.	Caucuses ..... See page 81
8:45 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	LWVC Budget Briefing
	Parliamentary Briefing
10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon	PLENARY SESSION
	<i>Organization of Convention</i>
	<i>Nominating Committee Report</i> ..... See page 17
	<i>Treasurer's Report</i>
	<i>Presentation of Proposed Budget</i> ..... See page 31
12:00 noon–1:30 p.m.	Marketplace open
12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.	Luncheon: Speaker, Kathay Feng, CA Common Cause ..... See page 85
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	PLENARY SESSION
	<i>Presentation of Proposed Program</i> ..... See page 41
	<i>Notice of intent to move consideration of not-recommended program</i>
3:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m.	Workshops: Session I ..... See page 78
5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	Marketplace open
5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	Gala Reception
	Dinner on your own
8:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m.	Caucuses ..... See page 81
	Q & A Sessions

Saturday, May 21, 2005	
7:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. 7:45 a.m.–8:45 a.m.  7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon     12:00 noon 12:00 noon–1:30 p.m. 12:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m.   3:45 p.m. Deadline 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.	Marketplace open Registration open LWVC Budget Briefing Parliamentary Q&A Caucuses ..... See page 81 <b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Roll Call of Local Leagues</i> <i>Motions to adopt Proposed Program</i> ..... See page 45 <i>Motions to consider Not-recommended Program</i> ..... See page 52 <i>Speaker: State Senator Sheila Kuehl</i> ..... See page 85 Lunch on your own Marketplace open Caucuses ..... See page 81 <b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Bylaws Presentation/Debate/Adoption</i> ..... See page 55 <i>Budget Discussion/Debate</i> ..... See page 31 <i>Program Debate</i> ..... See page 41 Resolutions Expressing the Will of the Convention ..... See page 87 Workshops Sessions II ..... See page 79 Marketplace open Reception Banquet: Speaker, Secretary of State Bruce McPherson ..... See page 86 Caucuses ..... See page 81 Budget Adjustment Committee meeting Resolutions Committee meeting
Sunday, May 22, 2005	
7:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon     12:00 noon 12:00 noon–1:00 p.m. 1:15 p.m.–3:00 p.m.    3:00 p.m.	Marketplace open Registration open Breakfast for Local League and ILO Presidents <b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Program Debate/Adoption</i> ..... See page 41 <i>Budget Debate/Adoption</i> ..... See page 31 <i>Presentation of Will of Convention Resolutions</i> Lunch on your own Marketplace open <b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Will of the Convention Resolutions Debate/Adoption</i> <i>Election of Officers/Directors/Nominating Committee</i> ... See page 25 <i>Guidance to State Board</i> <i>Invitations to Council 2006/Convention 2007</i> Convention Adjourns

## HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Getting to our Convention Hotel is easy—Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort is just south of the Disneyland Resort area.

### **Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort**

12021 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840

714-867-5555, Local Number:

866-888-8891, Toll-Free

714.867.5123, Fax

Web site: <http://www.anaheim.crowneplaza.com/index.html>

### **ROOM RESERVATIONS**

Guest Room rates are **\$99.00 per night** for single or double occupancy (one or two beds). All taxes are additional.

**All reservations must be made directly with the hotel.** Contact the Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort reservations department and identify yourself as a participant in the League of Women Voters of California Convention to obtain the special convention rate.

**The cutoff date for reservations at the special rate is April 19, 2005.** After that date, reservations are subject to availability and may be charged at a higher rate.

**Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 12 noon.** Early check-in is on a “space available” basis and will not be guaranteed. Individuals staying beyond check-out time will be billed for an additional night’s stay. Luggage storage is available for early arrival or late departure.

### **AIRPORT INFORMATION**

**Best Option:** Fly in to Orange County John Wayne Airport (SNA) and take shuttle (see below)

**From Orange County John Wayne Airport (SNA):** ..... 13 miles  
Super Shuttle: Cost one way from SNA to/from hotel: \$10.00 ..... 714-517-6600  
<http://www.supershuttle.com/htm/cities/sna.htm>

Taxi: Cost one way from SNA to/from hotel: \$35.00

**From Los Angeles Airport (LAX)** ..... 35 miles  
Super Shuttle: Cost one way from LAX to/from hotel: \$16.00 ... 949-766-6601 or 213-688-0444  
<http://www.supershuttle.com/htm/cities/lax.htm>

Taxi: Cost one way from LAX to/from hotel: \$75.00

**From Ontario Airport (ONT)** ..... 36 miles  
Super Shuttle: Cost one way from ONT to/from hotel: \$43.00 ... 626-443-6600 or 760-320-6600  
<http://www.supershuttle.com/htm/cities/ont.htm>

Taxi: Cost one way from ONT to/from hotel: \$80.00

## **Driving Instructions:**

From area airports, instructions are available on the hotel Web site.

### **From the North on I-5:**

- Take the I-5/SANTA ANA FWY south from Los Angeles
- Take the HARBOR BLVD exit. Go 2.2 miles.
- Arrive at 12021 HARBOR BLVD, GARDEN GROVE, on the right

### **From the South on I-5:**

- Take the I-5 NORTH towards LOS ANGELES
- Take the Chapman Avenue exit. Go 1.9 mi.
- Turn left on HARBOR BLVD. Go 0.1 mi.
- Arrive at 12021 HARBOR BLVD, GARDEN GROVE, on the right

### **Personalized Driving Directions**

- [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)
- <http://maps.yahoo.com>



# LOCAL LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

## As of January 1, 2005

League ID	League	Individual	National	Honorary	First Household	Half Household	Student	Total	Dues Amount
CA092	LWV Alameda	83	9	0	7	7	0	106	\$50.00
CA001	LWV Bakersfield	87	3	1	33	33	1	158	\$55.00
CA086	LWV Beach Cities	95	7	0	10	12	0	124	\$45.00
CA099	LWV Benicia	21	0	0	4	4	0	29	\$0.00
CA002	LWV Berkeley, Albany &	285	51	4	37	38	1	416	\$55.00
CA003	LWV Beverly Hills	96	4	2	12	12	0	126	\$55.00
CA004	LWV Butte County	119	8	0	21	20	2	170	\$50.00
CA000	LWV California	31	114	0	3	4	0	152	\$50.00
CA038	LWV Capistrano Bay Area	44	12	1	12	11	0	80	\$60.00
CA063	LWV Central Orange County	45	25	1	6	6	0	83	\$50.00
CA024	LWV Central San Mateo	161	18	6	16	16	0	217	\$60.00
CA017	LWV Claremont	161	5	5	27	26	1	225	\$55.00
CA088	LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale	80	18	0	15	16	0	129	\$50.00
CA060	LWV Davis	79	17	0	9	9	3	117	\$55.00
CA046	LWV Diablo Valley	175	41	3	21	21	0	261	\$55.00
CA065	LWV Downey	35	3	0	3	3	0	44	\$50.00
CA057	LWV East San Diego County	59	17	0	7	5	0	88	\$55.00
CA052	LWV East San Gabriel	38	0	0	6	7	1	52	\$50.00
CA087	LWV Eastern Sierra	25	6	0	2	2	0	35	\$50.00
CA053	LWV Eden Area	105	16	1	13	13	5	153	\$48.00
CA098	LWV El Dorado County	24	3	0	4	4	0	35	\$50.00
CA064	LWV Escondido	52	11	0	10	11	0	84	\$50.00
CA058	LWV	64	15	0	18	19	0	116	\$50.00
CA005	LWV Fresno	128	17	0	18	17	3	183	\$60.00
CA006	LWV Glendale/Burbank	51	3	2	11	11	0	78	\$60.00
CA056	LWV Humboldt County	113	4	0	17	14	0	148	\$50.00
CA048	LWV Livermore/Amador	41	2	0	16	15	0	74	\$50.00
CA007	LWV Long Beach Area	94	5	5	4	3	0	111	\$50.00
CA068	LWV Los Altos/Mountian	157	34	3	29	29	0	252	\$50.00
CA008	LWV Los Angeles	436	54	26	22	22	5	565	\$75.00
CA019	LWV Marin County	219	51	3	12	12	0	297	\$50.00
CA009	LWV Marysville/Yuba City	32	3	0	0	0	0	35	\$50.00
CA094	LWV Mendocino County	43	7	1	2	3	0	56	45
CA050	LWV Merced County	44	2	0	10	9	0	65	\$50.00
CA032	LWV Modesto	92	9	1	30	30	4	166	\$50.00

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CA011	LWV Monterey Peninsula	126	23	8	16	16	0	189	\$50.00
CA072	LWV North Coast San Diego	181	46	4	23	22	0	276	\$55.00
CA061	LWV North Orange County	103	5	0	18	18	0	144	\$55.00
CA029	LWV North San Mateo	45	2	0	1	1	0	49	\$48.00
CA044	LWV Northwest Riverside	65	10	0	4	5	0	84	\$55.00
CA013	LWV Oakland	202	25	9	22	23	6	287	\$60.00
CA071	LWV Orange Coast	161	56	3	20	20	0	260	\$50.00
CA015	LWV Palo Alto	196	38	11	27	25	1	298	\$65.00
CA051	LWV Palos Verdes Peninsula	91	6	3	12	11	0	123	\$50.00
CA016	LWV Pasadena Area	236	7	14	46	46	4	353	\$60.00
CA033	LWV Piedmont	148	22	1	22	22	0	215	\$50.00
CA069	LWV Redding Area	39	3	1	0	0	0	43	\$55.00
CA018	LWV Sacramento County	177	74	8	26	24	0	309	\$50.00
CA020	LWV Salinas Valley	39	4	2	7	7	0	59	\$50.00
CA045	LWV San Bernardino	74	4	0	9	8	0	95	\$50.00
CA021	LWV San Diego	313	97	16	53	52	0	531	\$55.00
CA022	LWV San Francisco	274	117	10	9	10	0	420	\$65.00
CA028	LWV San Joaquin County	61	18	0	8	8	0	95	\$50.00
CA023	LWV San Jose/Santa Clara	94	59	1	11	10	0	175	\$60.00
CA073	LWV San Luis Obispo	124	20	3	27	25	0	199	\$50.00
CA025	LWV Santa Barbara	186	34	9	15	13	0	257	\$60.00
CA080	LWV Santa Cruz County	58	39	0	3	3	0	103	\$65.00
CA079	LWV Santa Maria Valley	61	2	1	7	8	1	80	\$50.00
CA026	LWV Santa Monica	85	5	2	23	23	2	140	\$55.00
CA014	LWV Sonoma County	152	32	0	27	27	0	238	\$50.00
CA047	LWV South San Mateo	151	58	0	12	9	0	230	\$50.00
CA095	LWV Southwest Riverside	35	5	0	3	3	0	46	\$50.00
CA059	LWV Southwest Santa Clara	120	20	5	21	16	0	182	\$70.00
CA074	LWV Torrance	47	2	0	17	17	0	83	\$60.00
CA042	LWV Tulare County	31	6	0	5	5	0	47	\$48.00
CA066	LWV Ventura County	153	27	2	17	19	0	218	\$48.00
CA034	LWV West Contra Costa	63	22	0	1	1	0	87	\$55.00
CA093	LWV Western Nevada	68	14	1	10	10	0	103	\$50.00
CA049	LWV Whittier	42	2	1	3	3	0	51	\$50.00
CA089	LWV Woodland	42	2	0	4	4	0	52	\$45.00
		<b>7457</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11,151</b>	

# CONVENTION RULES AND PROCEDURES 2005

The Convention Rules require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

The Order of Business (Agenda) requires a majority vote for adoption.

NOTE: Both the Order of Business and the Rules may be amended by a majority vote before they are adopted. After adoption, a two-thirds vote is required to make changes.

## 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 state 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 should 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.

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.** Others 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, shall be in writing on forms provided by the ushers. Give the original and two copies to a page for delivery to the view-graph and the platform. The last copy is to be retained by the delegate making the motion.
10. MOTIONS OR REQUESTS THAT INTERRUPT THE SPEAKER. A special microphone is provided for those motions which may interrupt the speaker such as points of order, parliamentary inquiry, personal privilege, or requests for information. (See *Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance* for motions that may interrupt.) Speakers shall first consult the parliamentary aide stationed at the special microphone. This microphone may not be used for discussion or debate.
11. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF PROGRAM. The procedure shall be as follows:
- a. At the plenary meeting on Friday, the proposed LWVC program for 2005-07 shall be presented by members of the state 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 so as 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 state board shall move adoption of the program recommended by the board, 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 will be in order. The Proposed Program has two sections: LWVC Positions, and State Issues for Education and Advocacy.
  - c. Delegates may then move for consideration of program items which are not recommended by the board, but which have been submitted by local Leagues by the February 15, 2005 deadline set by the LWVC board, in accord with the bylaws. The wording must be the same as that listed in the *Convention Workbook*.
  - d. A delegate who moves consideration of an item which has not been recommended by the 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 votes for consideration shall be taken in the order in which the items were presented for consideration. Announcement of the vote result shall be made immediately after the vote on each item.
  - f. A majority vote is required to grant consideration of not-recommended items. Items which receive a majority vote are automatically before the convention for adoption without further motion. If a not-recommended item is voted consideration, a delegate may request the state board to give its reason for not recommending it. Such a statement shall be limited to three minutes.

- g. 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 cannot be enlarged by amendment. The proposal must be presented as a not-recommended item.
  - h. 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.
  - i. During the times specified in the agenda for program discussion and program debate, the Chair will divide the time equally among the program items which 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 21 at 3:30 p.m. following the close of the afternoon Plenary Session. The following procedure will be required:
- a. A Resolutions Committee will be appointed by the Chair on Friday, May 20. It will be composed of the parliamentarian, two members of the state board, and two other delegates. The legislative advocate will serve in an advisory role. The committee will evaluate the Resolutions to Express the Will of the Convention.
  - b. The Resolutions Committee will on meet Saturday following the banquet and at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday to screen submitted resolutions. Location of the Resolutions Committee meetings will be announced. 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.
    - 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.
  - 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 standard parliamentary rules governing motions. Adoption requires a majority vote. The Convention may override, by a two-thirds vote, the decision of the Resolutions Committee on any motion deemed inappropriate by the committee.

14. CONCURRENCE PROCEDURE: 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 in 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.

Background materials presenting the pros and cons on the issue being considered for concurrence must be provided to Leagues and members prior to convention.

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) will have submitted as one of their recommendations during state program planning the adoption of a new position by concurrence. It could be something such as "adopt a new state position on financing infrastructure by concurring with local Leagues' existing positions." This is the method by which the issues will be placed on the list of not-recommended items, and at the time of the 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 a local 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.
- The notice to local League presidents will contain the following information:
  - The position the delegates will be asked to adopt
  - The name of the local League whose position it is, when the study was done, a succinct but complete description of the extent of the study, and the instances of application of the position
  - Any other local Leagues or ILOs which have a similar position which will 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 a three-fifths (3/5) of the delegates.
- Any needed assistance may be requested from the LWVC program director in whose portfolio the concurrence position would fall.

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 of the final plenary session. Rules of the hotel will be observed for attaching all materials within the hotel.
- 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.

### **Parliamentary Procedure**

Article XVI of the Bylaws specifies Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Parliamentary Briefing**

On Friday morning, from 8:45–9:45 a.m. there will be a parliamentary briefing for first-time and other interested delegates. 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* on the pages 15 and 16. It will help you make the appropriate motion to accomplish your objectives.

### **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.)

To accomplish what your League wants to achieve, start now by contacting other Leagues that share your interest or come close enough to your concerns to be part of a coalition. Initiate discussion on the LWVC Convention listserve. To join the LWVC Convention listserve, send an e-mail to [LWVCConvention-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:LWVCConvention-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

Arrange for a caucus. You can reserve a caucus meeting room by sending a request with your registration materials or making one through the Convention Desk. Caucuses may be held at any time when plenary session is in recess if the meeting rooms are not otherwise scheduled. Smaller meetings can be held in delegates' hotel rooms. Be sure the secretary has written notice of the time and place of your caucus meeting so that an announcement can be made.

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



# PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AT A GLANCE

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

The motions below are listed in established order of precedence.

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	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone discussion to a specific time	I move to postpone this matter until...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Have motion studied further	I move to refer the matter to a committee.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yea
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 to...	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 standing vote	I call for a division.	Yes	No	No	No	None	No

<b>To Do This</b>	<b>You Say This</b>	<b>Can interrupt</b>	<b>Requires second</b>	<b>Debatable</b>	<b>Amendable</b>	<b>Vote required</b>	<b>Can be reconsidered</b>
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 <b>(4)</b>	No
Request information about procedure	I rise to a point of parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None <b>(5)</b>	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	<b>(6)</b>	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 <b>(7)</b>	I move to reconsider the vote on ...	<b>(8)</b>	Yes	Yes <b>(9)</b>	No	Majority	No
Rescind something previously adopted	I move to rescind the motion...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	Affirmative no
Take up a matter postponed temporarily (laid on the table)	I move to take from the table the motion to...	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 next succeeding day.
- 8** When another has been recognized, but not after she/he has begun to speak.
- 9** If original motion is debatable.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The members of the Nominating Committee take great pleasure in proposing the following slate for the League of Women Voters of California Board of Directors for the 2005-2007 term of office. Immediately following the presentation of this report to the Convention, further nominations may be made from the floor by any delegate, providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained in advance.

## LWVC BOARD NOMINEES FOR 2005–2007

### OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Jackie Jacobberger	LWV North San Mateo County
<b>Executive Vice President</b>	Donna Chipps	LWV Sacramento
<b>Secretary</b>	Wendy Phillips	LWV Beach Cities
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Pending</i>	

### DIRECTORS

<b>Communications</b>	Kate Quick	LWV Alameda
<b>Educational Activities</b>	Robbie Davis	LWV Pasadena Area
<b>Government</b>	Chris Carson	LWV Glendale/Bubank
<b>Legislation</b>	John Sullivan	LWV Claremont
<b>Membership</b>	Beverly King	LWV Santa Barbara
<b>Natural Resources</b>	Charolette Fox	LWV Southwest Riverside County
<b>Social Policy</b>	Joan Lancaster	LWV Western Nevada County
<b>Voters Service</b>	Tuesday Ray	LWV San Francisco

## LWVC NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES FOR 2005 - 2007\*

<b>Chair</b>	Marion Taylor	LWV Oakland
<b>Member</b>	Tracy Pepper	LWV Fresno
<b>Member</b>	Jackie Stone	LWV North Coast San Diego County

\* Two additional Nominating Committee members will be appointed from the 2005-07 LWVC Board.

## Submitted by the 2003–2005 Nominating Committee

Diane Park, Chair, LWV San Joaquin County  
Caroline de Llamas, LWV East San Gabriel Valley  
Veronica (Roni) Seay, LWV Solano Beach  
Lynda Hungerford, LWV Sonoma County, LWVC Board  
John "Jack" Sullivan, LWV Claremont, LWVC Board

# GUIDELINES USED FOR STATE BOARD NOMINATION PROCESS

The 2005-2007 LWVC Nominating Committee agreed from the beginning that the LWVC Board nominating process should be a transparent one, without unspoken traditions or qualifications of which the membership as a whole would be unaware.

We used *In League* for our primary guide. This is a standard reference known to all League members. It is a handbook, only, but one that is seldom modified. The LWVC guidelines we used are those found in *LWVC Policies and Procedures*," and from a publication done in 1989 called *How To...For the Nominating Committee*. Both offer practical suggestions for meetings, distribution of materials, and identifying leaders. The "How To..." publication was designed for local Leagues but it is applicable for the state level.

All of the above mentioned publications are available through the LWVC office. Portions relating to state board nominations will be posted on our LWVC Web site in April and distributed at the 2005 Convention.

The League's publication suggests that one of a nominating committee's goals should be: "recruit older/younger/minority/members." As you know, the LWVUS has a strong policy of Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action, under our Equality of Opportunity position, found in "Impact on Issues."

To ensure that this goal became a directive, and not merely a suggestion, on January 9, 2005, the LWVC Board unanimously adopted the following motion:

*The Nominating Committee recommends that the board include language in LWVC Policies and Procedure and Job Descriptions (Nominating) to encourage LWVC board diversity.*

All League members want our state board representation to reflect broad input and an open process. The Committee is designed to report directly to the membership; therefore, we encourage you to contribute suggestions to the committee for future consideration.

2005-2007 LWVC Nominating Committee

Diane Park, Chair (DianLWV@cs.com)

Committee Members: Caroline de Llamas, Roni Seay, Lynda Hungerford and Jack Sullivan

# 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.
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 state League, 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.
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.





# FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES PRINCIPLES

adopted by the LWVC Board of Directors

March 4, 2001

As a candidate for LWVC office, I pledge the following:

- (a) I will conduct my campaign for the LWVC Board of Directors or Nominating Committee openly and fairly. I will discuss the issues and participate in fair public debate with respect to my views and qualifications.
- (b) I will neither engage in nor be involved with unfair or misleading attacks upon the character of an opponent, nor will I engage in invasion of personal privacy unrelated to fitness for office.
- (c) I will not be part of any appeal to prejudice.
- (d) I will neither use nor be involved with the use of any campaign material or advertisement that misrepresents, distorts or otherwise falsifies the facts regarding an opponent. I will clearly identify (by name and address) the source of all advertisements and campaign literature published or distributed.
- (e) I will publicly repudiate support deriving from an individual or group whose activities would violate the Fair Campaign Practices Principles.

In signing this pledge, I assume personal control over and responsibility for the conduct of my campaign.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return signed pledge to the Convention 2005 Parliamentarian, who will be available at dais during all Plenary Sessions.



# NOMINEES, 2005-07

## OFFICERS

### **JACKIE JACOBBERGER, PRESIDENT**

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Jackie Jacobberger is the current President of the League of Women Voters of California and the LWVC Education Fund. She served as secretary from 2000-2003 and Chair of the bylaws committee in 2001 and 2003. She has also been a Management Training Advisor for the LWVC. Jackie has been a member of the LWV of North San Mateo County since it was established in 1966 and served in various roles, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Finance Chair, and Voters Service Chair. She was San Mateo County Coordinator for the Smart Voter project from 1999 until 2003 and Northern California Liaison on the project team.

Jackie represents the League on the EdSource Board of Directors. She is a member of California Zeta Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians and of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Transportation/Community Development Committee. She was recently invited to become a member of The Commonwealth Club of California "Voices of Reform" Project Steering Committee.

Jackie and her husband, who is also a League member, enjoy the symphony and opera and volunteer with the Bear Valley Music Festival. They have three grown children and five grandchildren. While her children were in school, Jackie was active in elementary and high school parent organizations.

Jackie is a graduate of Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, California, where she majored in Chemistry. She worked as a chemist for Clorox Company, as biology storekeeper at Skyline College (1973-1980), and as an instructional support technician for microbiology and cell science at San Francisco State University (1980-1993).

### **DONNA CHIPPS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

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Donna Chipps is the current Treasurer of LWVC and a past President of the League of Women Voters of Sacramento. She served on the LWVS Board in many other capacities but currently focuses her League involvement as webmaster of [www.lwvsacramento.org](http://www.lwvsacramento.org) and Sacramento County Coordinator for Smart Voter. She was active with the League's efforts in concert with multiple community organizations including Common Cause that resulted in the Sacramento City Council's adoption of comprehensive Campaign Finance regulations. She currently serves as LWVC Campaign Financing off-Board Director. Other current community involvement includes River City Community Services -a food and housing assistance program and Friends of the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries, two respite emergency nurseries designed to help prevent child abuse. She is the proud mother of three married children and three grandchildren; alas, all live in the Midwest or East Coast.

### **WENDY PHILLIPS, SECRETARY**

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Wendy moved to California in 1987, when the bank she worked for transferred her from New York City to Los Angeles. As a banker, she specialized in project finance (asset-based lending) for energy and mineral ventures. In 1992, she joined the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Region). She currently oversees several programs, including Landfills, Groundwater Permitting, Grants and Loans, and a Site Cleanup Unit. She also has experience in Storm Water Permitting and Compliance, Enforcement, and Basin Planning.

Wendy has degrees in geology from the University of Colorado (B.A.) and California State University, Los Angeles (M.S.), as well as a certificate from California State University, Sacramento for the program ""Public Management in the 21st Century."" Also, she is licensed by the State of California to practice as a professional geologist, certified engineering geologist, and certified hydrogeologist.

Wendy and her husband Dave live in Manhattan Beach. She has been a member of the League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities since 1994. She has served on the Beach Cities Board since 1997 in the areas of Action, Voter Service, and Program, and as co-President, and on the LWVC Board since 2003.

## **TREASURER**

Pending

## **DIRECTORS**

### **KATE QUICK, COMMUNICATIONS**

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Kate Quick was born and raised in Sacramento, California. She is a seventh generation Californian. Kate has been a member of League since the 1970's, and was a "founding mother" of the Alameda League, where she is now President. As President and active Board Member, Kate has written pros and cons on local, and County ballot measures, has moderated countless forums and candidate's nights, and has represented the Alameda County Council (a group of the seven Alameda County Leagues) on the Alameda County Budget Workgroup and the County Blue Ribbon Task Force on Health Care Services. Two of her three sisters and her mother have also been "Leaguers". Kate graduated from Sacramento State University with a major in Spanish.

Kate retired in 2001 from the Alameda County Auditor-Controller Agency. She served the County for 33 years, starting as a social worker and retiring as the Auditor Agency Financial/Administrative Services Officer. She has extensive experience in administration, policy, budget and personnel work, and has recently been called back part-time to do a training need assessment and training program for the Agency.

Kate is also active in the AAUW, Friends of the Library, and her church. She and her husband, John love to travel and are avid readers. A self-described "political junkie", Kate has been active in many local campaigns and is a member of the NWPC.

### **ROBERTA 'ROBBIE' DAVIS, EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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A fourth generation native Californian (born in Berkeley) Robbie graduated from Mills College and received a teaching credential from the University of Washington. After a brief career as an elementary school teacher, she worked full-time in the computer industry for 16 years and for several years as an independent consultant doing instructional design and technical writing.

Robbie joined the League in Dearborn, MI, in 1975 to become more educated about political issues and to meet other informed and involved women. After relocating to California in 1976 she was an active member in the Orange Coast League (Orange County) for 13 years. She has been involved with the Pasadena Area League since moving to Pasadena in 1989. Robbie was LWVPA president from 1999 to 2003. In 2003 she became the director of Educational Activities for the LWVC and Chair of the LWVC Education Fund.

Spare time interests include choral music, golf, and travel. She volunteers in a Pasadena elementary school and also with a riding program for handicapped children. Robbie's husband is a partner with Deloitte Consulting.

## **CHRIS CARSON, GOVERNMENT**

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Chris Carson was born and raised in Burbank, California. She joined the Glendale/Burbank League in 1985 and within forty eight hours somehow found herself going from new member to Study Committee Chair to local League Board member. She has served as Voter Service Chair, Action Chair and Voter Editor and President. She was a member of the Los Angeles County ILO Board, serving as Voter Editor, Transportation Director and general communications center.

She is a member of the Directors Council of the Center for 17th and 18th Century Studies at UCLA. Because of this she spends many happy hours at academic conferences on subjects she loves. When not running around Southern California on League business or attending conferences, she can be found visiting museums, hiking, reading and surfing the Net.

## **JOHN 'JACK' SULLIVAN, LEGISLATION**

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John D. Sullivan was educated at San Francisco State and Stanford University and has a PhD in Political Science from Stanford. He has taught at Yale University and Claremont Graduate University and is currently professor of Political Studies and Environmental Studies at Pitzer College, one of the Claremont Colleges. He teaches courses in environmental policy, politics of water, and the political economy of commons. He has written on water policy and has published an article comparing water issues in Southern California and Wales in *RECONFIGURED SOVEREIGNTY: MULTI-LAYERED GOVERNANCE IN THE GLOBAL AGE*, edited by Professor Tom Ilgen, (Williston, VT: Ashgate Publishing). He has also written with Michael Warburton an article titled "Overview on Environmental Justice and Water," submitted to the California Department of Water Resources Advisory Committee. He has been a member of the League of Women Voters for 7 years and has served as natural resources person for the Claremont Area League and for the Los Angeles County League. He has been Director for Natural Resources for the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) since July 1, 2003. He worked with LWVC water consultants to develop the LWVC Water Privatization Checklist for use by local leagues. He has also served as one of two LWVC representatives to the California Water Plan Advisory Committee.

## **BEVERLY KING, MEMBER SERVICES**

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Beverly King is a 4th generation Californian as is her husband. Bev graduated from UC, Berkeley with a double major in Communications and Public policy and American Politics. She served for seven years as an officer in the Navy, two on active duty and five in the ready reserve. She joined the Pasadena League at 24 and served on the board as the Voters Service Director before they moved to Santa Barbara. She is a past president of the Santa Barbara League and has served as first vice president (under two different president's) Voters Service Director, Child Care Study chair, as well as worked in membership growth and retention. An advocate for services for children and working families, she has been president of the Santa Barbara Family Care Center, the Family Service Agency, and the Human Services Association. She chaired the City of Santa Barbara Community Development/Human Services Committee and the Santa Barbara County KIDS Advisory Committee. In 1998 she was named the Santa Barbara County's 2nd District Woman of the Year. She is a past president of United Methodist Women for her local church and a past district officer. She is the president of the Building Bridges Community Coalition, a multicultural, interracial, intergenerational and interfaith coalition of 50 organizations whose purpose is to build bridges of mutual understanding, cooperation and education within the community. She currently serves as the Member Services Director on the 2003-2005 LWVC board.

## **CHAROLETTE FOX, NATURAL RESOURCES**

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A childhood growing up along the coastline and inland valleys of San Diego County was to foretell a life-long interest in the natural resources of Southern California. Charolette's first League assignment was observer to the Escondido Water District. Later, serving as president for LWV San Dieguito (now LWV North Coast San Diego County), and also on the San Diego County ILO Board, Charolette managed administrative tasks, public speaking, voters service responsibilities, and produced and distributed the Voter countywide. Currently, as President of LWV Southwest Riverside County, Charolette is active in ENACT, serves on two local water task forces as well as the Board for Water Education Foundation.

From 1986 to 1996, Charolette owned and operated a small business with three locations in Orange and Los Angeles Counties. Always a civic participant, she "volunteers" on the Temecula Community Services Commission (park development and recreation), Riverside County Historical Commission (park development and historic preservation), and is newly appointed to the local Resource Conservation District. Charolette is a Lifetime Master Gardener and a Certified Master Composter.

## **JOAN LANCASTER, SOCIAL POLICY**

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Joan Lancaster was born in Southern California, raised and educated in So. Pasadena, attended Pasadena Community College and UCLA.

Joan was introduced to LWV by a local college professor in Butte, Montana as a member-at-large. She relocated to the Santa Barbara area league where she served as Membership and Voter Service Chairs. Was a charter member of the Western Nevada County LWV, co-chairing the MAL in 1980 and as president 2000-2002 with many years of chairing studies and coordinating voter service events.

By profession Joan is a real estate broker with vast experience in encouraging young Nevada County families to utilize affordable housing programs. She is a charter and board member of the local Habitat for Humanity and is the chairwoman of Nevada County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Line dancing is one of her latest pastimes.

## **TUESDAY RAY, VOTERS SERVICE**

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Tuesday Ray was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama. It was here that she first learned about the League from her aunt. Her aunt was very active in the League and held several leadership positions. Because of this, joining the League was something Tuesday never thought about twice. She joined the San Francisco League in 1996. As a member, Tuesday has written ballot summaries for the Pro/Con Guide, participated in the Speakers Bureau, and served as the Leagues representative on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. She served on the Board of Directors for several years before serving as Co-President from 2001 - 2004.

Tuesday has a BS in Business from San Francisco State University. She presently works for a software company in San Mateo as a technical writer (the person who documents how the software should work but that most people never read). When she is not attending movies, she volunteer ushers for SFJazz, the San Francisco Ballet, and other arts organizations.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **MARION TAYLOR, CHAIR**

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Marion Taylor joined the League, 1968, in Berkeley where she got excellent leadership training by serving as a discussion leader at twice monthly unit meetings. From 1969 to 2004 she was a member of LWV Santa Cruz County. She served on its Board from 1990 to 2001, with two terms as President, 1995 to 1997. In 1996 she was editor of the LWVC Pros and Cons on statewide ballot measures. From 1999 to 2004 she served as a Management Training Advisor for several Leagues in Santa Clara and Monterey counties. She served on the LWVC Board of Directors from 2001 to 2005, two years as Government Director and two years as Legislation Director.

She was a librarian at UC Santa Cruz for 25 years and serves on the Board of the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music in Santa Cruz. She spends as much time as possible playing the viola in chamber music groups and traveling. In 2005 she moved to Oakland where she looks forward to an active musical and League life in the Bay Area.

### **TRACY PEPPER, MEMBER**

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Tracy Pepper has been a member of the League of Women Voters since 2000. She is currently serving her second term as League of Women Voters, Fresno. She has also served as Social Policy Chair for the League. In 2003 Tracy was selected to participate in the Aspen Institute's Global Interdependence Initiative workshop in Washington D.C and was pleased to continue the dialogue in 2005 by working with LWV Fresno chapter to organize the People Speak Forum: A Discussion of America's Role in the World. In 2004 and 2005 Tracy represented the LWV Fresno as a member of the "One Voice" Delegation to Washington D.C. to draw attention to economic development issues and opportunities in Fresno County. Tracy is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte Advocacy Board, Californian's Aware, and the Valley Economic Leadership Institute. She holds a B.S. in Business and has recently completed a Master's degree in Public Administration at California State University Fresno. Tracy is an alumni fellow of both the Great Valley Center Institute for the Development of Emerging Area Leaders, and the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute of Public Affairs. In her spare time she enjoys bicycling, camping, traveling, and especially spending time with her family.

### **JACKIE STONE, MEMBER**

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Jackie Stone first joined the League in 1970, but diverted to the "Mommy Track" for a few years before becoming active again in the 1980's. She has served as unit chair, communications chair, voter service chair, pros and cons presenter and is currently serving as president of the LWV-North Coast San Diego County.

Jackie has an EdD from the University of Houston and spent 30 years in education before retiring with her husband, Gene, to beautiful Carlsbad, California. When not working with League or other volunteer organizations she enjoys music, reading, traveling and pampering her four young grandchildren.





# PROPOSED 2005–06 BUDGET

## **Introduction**

A proposed budget for the LWVC is being submitted to delegates for their consideration, in accordance with our bylaws (Article IX. Financial Administration, Section 2—Budget). This budget is set forth on the spreadsheet on pages 36 to 37.

Although delegates need only consider and vote upon a budget for the LWVC corporation, the budget committee also is presenting a proposed budget for the LWVCEF corporation that the new board will consider at its May 2005 meeting (see spreadsheet on pages 38 to 39). This added information for the LWVCEF should help delegates understand priorities and projected sources and uses of funds.

## **The Budget Committee**

This budget was prepared by a committee, appointed by the board, which consisted of the following members:

Roberta Hollimon (Chair)	LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale
Sara Horne	LWV San Luis Obispo
Nancy Kay	LWV Humboldt County
Jack Murray	LWV Ventura
Alex Starr	LWV Fremont-Newark-Union City
Jackie Jacobberger (ex-officio)	President, LWVC
Donna Chipps	Treasurer, LWVC
Nikki Harris	Development, LWVC
Wendy Phillips	Secretary, LWVC

The committee was appointed by the Board in accordance with the LWVC bylaws, which specify that no fewer than five members shall serve on the committee and that the majority shall be off-board members (Article IX, Section 5, Budget Committee).

## **The Budgeting Process**

The bylaws (Section 5, Article IX) also specify that the committee shall prepare the budget at least four months in advance of a biennial convention or council. However, this wasn't practical and, in order to review the LWVC's mid-year performance, the committee did not submit a proposed budget until late February, which the board reviewed at its regular meeting on March 8 and 9, 2005.

## **Priorities for the 2005/06 Budget**

Delegates at the Leadership Council last year will recall that the board's priority for 2004–05 was to hire an executive director. This was accomplished through a \$2 increase in PMP to \$21, and tightened expenditures for the office and board (travel, meals, and lodging).

For 2005/06, financial and administrative priorities that have been incorporated into the proposed LWVC and LWVCEF budgets include the following.

- **Avoid an increase in PMP!** The budget committee and board, recognizing the need to diversify revenues, are proposing a 2005–06 budget that increases reliance on fundraising activities. Therefore, we propose to hold PMP constant, at \$21.
- **Build Fundraising Capabilities:** In considering the organizations' needs, the board recruited an executive director with strong fund raising skills whose talents would complement those of our Program Director. This executive director, Jill Kaiser Newcom, started work in October, and is working with the board to implement an aggressive fundraising plan.
- **Build Reserves:** The board wants to continue to build reserves to a target of \$110,000 (for the combined corporations), and include a five percent contingency in future budgets for unanticipated expenditures and revenue shortfalls.
- **Further Refine Financial Controls and Procedures:** Another board priority is to ensure that internal and external controls and procedures are properly and consistently implemented. Since September 2003, the board has relied upon the volunteer time of our Treasurer to keep our books, oversee internal controls and procedures (with the assistance of our executive vice president), and work with an accounting firm to complete the first audit of our books. Looking forward, the committee and board agreed that it is important to bring in a paid bookkeeper (on a contract basis) and to continue to retain an accountant to audit our annual financial statements.

Voters service and advocacy priorities include:

- **Easy Voter Guide:** The board is in the process of working with Common Knowledge, publisher of the Easy Voter Guide, to provide a home for this voter outreach tool. For the November 2004 general election, Common Knowledge distributed over one million guides, in five languages. As presently envisioned, the LWVCEF would act as fiduciary agent for the Easy Voter Guide and would not assume any fundraising obligations or other financial risk—therefore, there would be minimal impact to the budget (LWVCEF) should we proceed. Details, to be set forth in a memorandum of understanding, are in the process of being negotiated.
- **Education and Advocacy:** At a meeting of the Legislative Committee in March, the committee recommended that the board make additional support available for legislative staff. The board subsequently concurred with the need for additional support plans to make this a priority. Toward this end, salaries for staff in the proposed budget have been increased by \$35,000. However, the committee recommends that the board not commit to expanding staff until it is determined that the annual fundraising goals are realistic and can be met, and that other expenditures remain under control.

## **Budget Summary**

The proposed 2005/06 budget for the LWVC totals \$329,610, an increase of 26 percent over the 2004–05 budget. Together with the \$402,590 proposed budget for the LWVCEF, the combined budget totals \$738,110. A total of \$75,000 of the Ed Fund budget is deferred revenue; funds received in the previous fiscal year for studies but not expended in that year. The three studies, Education, Community College and Energy, will be using these funds this year. Details of the proposed budgets are presented in the spreadsheets on pages 36 to 39. The summary on the following pages is intended to provide delegates with a simplified view of our sources of revenues and major categories of expenditures for both the LWVC and LWVCEF.

<b>Combined LWVC &amp; LWVCEF Sources and Uses of Funds</b>		
	<b>Sources</b>	<b>Uses</b>
Administration	\$31,735.00	\$205,180.00
Development	\$109,930.00	\$73,090.00
Advocacy	\$0.00	\$79,200.00
Membership	\$242,590.00	\$107,245.00
Issues for Education	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Community Education	\$116,870.00	\$95,840.00
Voters Service	\$161,985.00	\$102,555.00
Total	\$738,110.00	\$738,110.00

**Revenue:** Our PMP, which is proposed to remain at \$21, is projected to generate revenue of about \$191,260. Additional revenue, projected at \$223,000, is expected from fund raising activities. In addition to enhancing the existing mail appeal program, other fund raising tools are being added, including vehicle donations, planned giving, and major gifts. Revenue from these sources is shown in Development. Revenue from Foundations and Corporations is shown in the project being funded since that money can be used only for the project.

**Payroll:** We currently have a staff of three, including an executive director, program director, and administrative assistant. We also have a student intern, at no cost to the organization. The proposed budgets include funding for an increase for the administrative assistant and a cost of living increase for all staff. The proposed budgets also include funding for a legislative and administrative aide with combined salary and benefits not to exceed \$35,000. With these increases, payroll (salaries, fringe benefits, plus taxes) for 2005/06 will total \$192,000, an increase of 30 percent over the current year. As a result of events in the fall of 2003, the office staff was reduced to a level that was not able to provide all the services required by the organization. The new staffing level is still lower than the level in the early 90s.

**Office:** We currently lease space with four offices in downtown Sacramento. With a reconfiguration of the space initiated by the departure of another tenant in the building, the board recently approved the addition of a fifth office, which will be used by visiting board members, interns, and the contract bookkeeper. Together with supplies, postage, telecommunications, and equipment leases, office expenditures are projected to total \$99,380, an increase of ten percent.

**Travel, Meals, Lodging:** The board normally meets six times during the year, usually in Sacramento. As last year's PMP increase was not sufficient to fund the salary for the new executive director, many officers and directors agreed to make up the difference through in-kind contributions for their travel expenses. In addition, several board members have been able to save on lodging costs in Sacramento by arranging for alternative (no-cost) accommodations. To be conservative, however, the 2005–06 budget does not assume similar in-kind contributions from officers and directors.

**Bookkeeping and Auditing:** The board has been relying on volunteer labor to keep our books and to work with accountants on our audit. The committee and board concluded that it is not appropriate to continue to impose upon volunteers for the long term, and is in the process of soliciting bids for a contract bookkeeper. We have roughly estimated that we will need \$28,000 for bookkeeping services for two days a week. Furthermore, we plan to continue to have an independent audit of our financial statements on an annual basis, which is projected to cost \$12,500.

**Smart Voter:** We have made special efforts to integrate Smart Voter's accounts with those of the LWVCEF. Most of these expenses are included on line 60170 (consulting fees) and are for programming costs needed for the November 2005 local elections and the June 2006 election. Expenses for a Special Election in November have not been included but, if necessary, special funding can be found.

**Contingency and Reserve:** The board adopted a policy targeting a reserve of \$110,000. This policy also specifies that future budgets will include a five percent contingency for unanticipated expenditures or revenue shortfalls. This budget includes a five percent contingency fund and a transfer to reserves of \$10,000. This transfer will be included in future budgets until the target reserve is reached.

**Budget Layout:** The proposed budgets are presented in a format that conforms to the new Chart of Accounts. Classes, programs and projects, are listed across the top of the budget and accounts, a description of revenue and expense, are listed down the side. By looking down a column you can see the source and expenditure of funds for each program and project.

### **Comments and Questions**

Comments or questions can be addressed to the Budget Chair, Roberta Hollimon, rhollimon2@cs.com. Delegates also have the opportunity to meet with the budget committee during the Budget Q & A on Saturday and Sunday mornings of convention.

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# **LWVC PROGRAM, 2005–07**

## **PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM**

Delegates at the LWVC Convention '05 will adopt the State Program for 2005–2007 as the final step in the program planning process which started last November. The proposed program encompasses the LWVC Program Positions, LWVC Studies, and the LWVC Issues for Education and Advocacy. A full listing of program ideas submitted by local Leagues is included.

**LWVC PROGRAM POSITIONS.** All current LWVC positions are recommended for re-adoption. Positions are summarized under the headings of Government, Natural Resources, and Social Policy on pages 45-48 of this workbook.

**LWVC STUDIES AND POSITION UPDATES.** No state study or position update study is recommended. 32 of the 51 Leagues which participated specifically recommended no new state study.

**LWVC ISSUES FOR EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY.** Three Issues for Education and Advocacy are proposed on pages 49-50 for concerted local and state-level action and community education. The LWVC board, keeping in mind League monetary and volunteer resources, is recommending these three issues which best reflect input received from the local Leagues who participated in program planning activities. The methods used to justify the LWVC board's recommendation can be found on page 51.

## **PROCESS**

Members of 50 Leagues and of one MAL (Member-At-Large unit) (72.8 percent of the Leagues in California) participated in the program planning process for 2005-2007. No inter-League organizations (ILOs) participated. The results were presented to the LWVC board for their 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 52-53, 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 shall 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 which 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 reaffirm 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 Marion Taylor, Legislation Director.

<b>PROGRAM ADOPTION AT A GLANCE</b>	
<b>PROPOSED PROGRAM</b>	<b>NOT-RECOMMENDED ITEMS</b>
<b>Friday, May 20</b> Proposed program presented by board members. <i>No questions for clarification, motions or debate.</i>	Delegates may give notice of intent to move for consideration (optional). <i>No questions for clarification, motions or debate.</i>
<b>Saturday, May 21</b> Board members move adoption of the proposed program (see page 45). <i>Questions for clarification one minute. No debate or amendments.</i>  Discussion and debate on program proposals.	Delegates may move for consideration of not-recommended items. (Items must be listed on page 52 to be considered.) <i>Questions for clarification one minute. No debate or amendments.</i> <i>Vote for consideration; majority vote required.</i>  Discussion and debate on program proposals granted consideration.
<b>Sunday, May 22</b> Debate and vote on proposed program. <i>Majority vote required to adopt.</i>	Debate and vote on items granted consideration on Saturday. <i>Voted in the order granted consideration. Three-fifths vote required to adopt.</i>

# PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

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.
CONSENSUS	Substantial member agreement; the sense of the group rather than a majority opinion
ISSUE FOR EDUCATION & 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 on an existing position, and/or education.
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, with a view to considering a position change. Any new position resulting from an update is approved by the appropriate board and adopted by the convention or annual meeting.
PROGRAM	Governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action
RECOMMENDED PROGRAM	Subjects that reflect the thinking of most of the members in the state and recommended by the state 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; usually a two-year process.
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



# PROPOSED LWVC PROGRAM POSITIONS 2005-2007

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 which 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 which 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.

**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.

**REDISTRICTING:** adopted 1988

- 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 a bipartisan 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 which emphasizes equity and fair sharing of the tax burden as well as adequacy; which include long range finance methods that meet current and future needs while taking into account the cumulative impact of public debt.
- Support a process which 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 which 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 which will protect every citizen's right to vote and which will ensure government's responsibility to protect this right through regulations and procedures that encourage an informed and active electorate.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

**AGRICULTURE:** adopted 1983

- Support policies that recognize agricultural land as a limited resource which 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 which include comprehensive planning, zoning measures, and other preservation techniques. State policy which 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

- Support a state energy policy that promotes conservation, fosters the development and use of a variety of renewable energy sources, considers the impacts of energy development and use on public health, safety, and environment. State government should provide an efficient, coordinated energy administrative structure and regulatory process and should establish state energy policies and minimum standards. Local government should implement state energy policies and standards based on local conditions, with emphasis on conservation.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:** adopted 1986 & 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.

**TRANSPORTATION:** adopted 1981; revised 1985; new position 1991

- Support a transportation system to move people and goods which: 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 which 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:** policy 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 which meet the need for accessible, affordable, and quality child care.

**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:** adopted 1973; updated 1985

- Support a comprehensive kindergarten through twelfth grade public education system which meets the needs of each individual student; challenges all students to reach their highest potential; develops patterns of lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.
- Support a system of funding which is adequate, flexible, equitable, reliable; derived from a combination of revenue sources; and distributed fairly to ensure equal access to public education for all students.
- Support for formulating broad general guidelines at the state level and developing and implementing program at the local level.

**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 which works to prevent child abuse and neglect and juvenile delinquency, which serves foster children and their families and status offenders, and which 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 which 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 which will enable the judicial system of the state to provide for all citizens adequate access to legal services.

**MENTAL HEALTH CARE:** adopted 1997

- Support for an adequately funded mental health care system which 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 LWVC ISSUES FOR EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY**

## **I. REDISTRICTING**

The LWVC position will provide the basis for education and action. The education focus will include educating our members, encouraging local Leagues to engage in community education activities, monitoring current proposals, and encouraging public involvement. We will appoint an ad hoc committee charged to recommend to the Board of Directors no later than November 2005 a plan for education and advocacy with a time-line, budget and specific proposals for raising new funds to support the work.

Redistricting was recommended for program emphasis by 30 of the 51 local Leagues that participated in program planning. Of those, Redistricting was selected by 23 as their first choice. In the weighted vote tabulation Redistricting received a total of 128 votes. Seven Leagues wanted to update the position to make the process nonpartisan, to oppose redistricting more than once a decade, or to examine multi-member districts with proportional voting. The board is not recommending a study because it believes the current position is adequate for effective action, for example, we have taken a stand opposing mid-decade redistricting, although it is not specifically mentioned in our position. An overwhelming majority of Leagues wanted to focus on advocacy and community education concerning redistricting.

The action agenda will include tracking legislation and advocacy in the state legislature and on state ballot measures, based on the LWVC position.

## **II. STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES**

The LWVC position will provide the basis for education and action. The education focus will include educating our members, encouraging local Leagues to engage in community education activities, monitoring current proposals, and encouraging public involvement. Community education on the state budget process and proposals for improving it will be a focus. We will seek volunteers to continue the series of camera-ready articles on state and local finances which have been sent to local Leagues every two months and which are posted at **[www.lwvc.org](http://www.lwvc.org)**

State and Local Finances was recommended for program emphasis by 14 of the 51 local Leagues that participated in program planning. Of those, State and Local Finances was selected by 11 as their first or second choice. In the weighted vote tabulation State and Local Finances received a total of 50 votes. Leagues are particularly concerned with the need for structural reform of the state budget and the adequacy of funding for education and health care.

The action agenda will include tracking legislation and advocacy in the state legislature and on state ballot measures based on the LWVC position and Legislative priority

## **III. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROCESS**

The LWVC position will provide the basis for education and action. The education focus will include educating our members, encouraging local Leagues to engage in community education activities, monitoring current proposals, and encouraging public involvement. Community education on ways in which the initiative process can be improved, e.g., the indirect initiative, will be a focus. We will appoint an ad hoc committee charged to recommend to the Board of Directors no later than November 2005 a plan for education and advocacy with a time-line, budget and specific proposals for raising new funds to support the work.

Initiative and Referendum Process was recommended for program emphasis by 14 of the 51 local Leagues that participated in program planning. Of those, Initiative and Referendum Process was selected by 11 as their first or second choice. In the weighted vote tabulation the Initiative and Referendum Process received a total of 48 votes. Leagues are particularly concerned about paid signature gatherers and expensive campaigns by proponents or opponents of measures. They are concerned about a balance between ease of getting measures on the ballot and the principle of citizen legislation.

The action agenda will include tracking legislation and advocacy in the state legislature and on state ballot measures based on the LWVC position.

The LWVC board also takes action and monitors current legislation in accord with *Legislative Priorities*. Based on anticipated activity in the state legislature during the coming session, the following priorities were adopted by the LWVC Board of Directors at its March 13, 2005 meeting.

## **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2005**

Adopted by the LWVC Board of Directors March 13, 2005

### **1. Priority Issues**

#### **REDISTRICTING REFORM**

#### **STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES**

- Support reform of the state budgeting process
- Support equitable and adequate generation and distribution of tax revenues

#### **HEALTH CARE**

- Support access to a basic level of quality health care for all residents
- Support continued funding of the safety net.

2. Support requests from local Leagues and ILOs for advocacy on bills of specific interest to their jurisdictions.
3. Take action as appropriate on core issues: Elections, Voting Rights, Campaign Finance Reform, and Reproductive Choices.
4. Consider Program Director recommendations for action on the highest priority bills in their program areas.
5. Review all statewide ballot measures and recommend a position or neutrality on each one to the LWVC Board of Directors.

# LWVC 2005-2007 PROGRAM PLANNING

## PROGRAM PLANNING TABULATION OF LOCAL LEAGUE PARTICIPATION

The following 51 Leagues participated in Program Planning for 2003-2005.

LWV Alameda	LWV Humboldt County	LWV Piedmont
LWV Bakersfield	MAL Indian Wells Valley	LWV Redding Area
LWV Beach Cities	LWV Livermore, Amador Valley	LWV Salinas Valley
LWV Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville	LWV Long Beach Area	LWV San Diego
LWV Beverly Hills	LWV Los Altos/Mountain View Area	LWV San Joaquin County
LWV Butte County	LWV Los Angeles	LWV San Jose/Santa Clara
LWV Capistrano Bay Area	LWV Marin County	LWV San Luis Obispo
LWV Central San Mateo County	LWV Mendocino County	LWV Santa Barbara
LWV Claremont	LWV Modesto	LWV Santa Cruz County
LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale	LWV Monterey Peninsula	LWV Sonoma County
LWV Davis	LWV North Coast San Diego County	LWV South San Mateo County
LWV Diablo Valley	LWV North Orange County	LWV Southwest Riverside County
LWV Eastern Sierra	LWV North San Mateo County	LWV Southwest Santa Clara Valley
LWV Eden Area	LWV Northwest Riverside County	LWV Tulare County
LWV El Dorado County	LWV Oakland	LWV Ventura County
LWV Fremont, Newark, Union City	LWV Palos Verdes Peninsula	LWV Western Nevada County
LWV Fresno	LWV Pasadena Area	LWV Woodland

## RECOMMENDED AND NOT-RECOMMENDED ITEMS

From the responses received from the Leagues participating in the program planning process, the LWVC board makes the following recommendations. The number given after each topic is its point value in a weighted system where first place votes receive five points, second-place votes three points, and third-place votes one point.

**RECOMMENDED PROGRAM (PROPOSED ISSUES FOR EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY):**  
(Motions to adopt these Issues for Education and Advocacy will be made by members of the LWVC board.)

For these recommended items, the totals in parentheses indicate total votes of all mentions submitted by local Leagues, calculated according to a weighted system as described above. This has been used to indicate the level of interest in each area. These proposed Issues for Education and Advocacy are discussed in more detail on pages 49-50.

- Redistricting (128)
- State and Local Finances (50)
- Initiative and Referendum Process (48)

## **NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEMS**

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

Unlike the recommended program above, the following summary of local League responses has been listed in terms of total mentions, but in more detail to give delegates a clearer listing of the program areas submitted for consideration. Any of these items may be moved for consideration by delegates at the convention, as noted above, in accordance with Convention Rules (see page10). For delegate ease of comparison and consideration, program areas have been grouped together and listed in alphabetical order. The numbers of Leagues recommending the items are provided.

### **NEW STATE STUDY**

- Civics Education (1)
  - How schools teach civic rights, prepare students to be active, informed citizens.
- Corrections System/Prison Reform/Parole (2)
- Criminal Justice (1)
  - Examine sentencing and capital punishment.
- Higher Education (1)
  - Long-term fee policy in relation to financial aid policy.
- Illegal and Undocumented Immigrants (1)
  - Social, legal, and economic impacts.
- State Judiciary (6)
  - Examine appointment process, running for office, cost of campaigning, and informing voters about candidates.

### **STUDY TO UPDATE POSITION**

- Agriculture (1)
  - Study genetically modified organisms.
- Election Systems (1)
  - Clarify language.
- Housing (1)
  - Reconcile with LWVUS position.
- Initiative and Referendum (5)
  - Examine how process has been corrupted; better balance between ease of getting measures on the ballot and principle of citizen legislation; examine criteria for signature gatherers.
- Juvenile Justice (1)
- Mental Health (1)
  - Work toward a new position called Health which would encompass both physical health and mental health.
- Redistricting (7)
  - Examine multi-member districts with proportional voting; examine redistricting more than once a decade; make process nonpartisan.
- State and Local Finances (2)
  - Reconcile State and Local Finances Position with Initiative and Referendum Position; examine equity of tax on corporations.
- Voting Rights (7)
  - Examine electronic voting; whether paper trails should be required; examine role of political parties in election, including primaries.
- Water (6)
  - Examine privatization, also reliability of water supply; self-sufficiency; desalination; how water is allocated and used.

## ISSUES FOR EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

- Air Quality (5)
- Campaign Finance Reform (7)
- CEQA Education (1)
- Child Care, Budget Cuts (2)
- Community College System (1)
- Education (10)
- Election Systems (4)
- Energy (3)
- Growth Management (1)
- Hazardous Materials (1)
- Health Care (4)
- Housing (4)
- How Government Works (1)
- Judicial Elections (1)
- Juvenile Justice (5)
- Land Use (2)
- Mental Health Care (1)
- Public Libraries (1)
- Restructuring California Government (2)
- Solid Waste (1)
- Voting Rights (4)
- Water Education and Action (5)
- Water (9)

## PROPOSING A NOT-RECOMMENDED ITEM

The Convention Rules in the *Convention Workbook* should be consulted for instructions on moving a non-recommended item for consideration. Passage of a non-recommended item requires an affirmative vote by three-fifths of the delegates.

## CONCURRENCE PROCEDURE FOR LWVC CONVENTIONS

Procedures for adopting a position by concurrence were published in the Program Planning Kit and may be found in Convention Rule #14 on page 12. During the program planning process, no League indicated its intention to seek a new position by concurrence. 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.

## EDUCATION UPDATE STUDY ENERGY UPDATE STUDY

In 2003, Convention delegates adopted two studies to update positions—Education and Energy. Both studies have had their timetables adjusted to extend beyond the date of the biennial convention. The Education Update Study was extended by two months; the LWVC Board will consider its consensus report and proposed position at its May 23, 2005 meeting. The Energy Update Study was extended by six months; the LWVC Board will consider its consensus report and proposed position at its November 2005 meeting.

According to the LWVC Bylaws positions adopted by the board can be acted upon at once. When the board adopts new positions, it will immediately send copies of them to all local Leagues.

Convention delegates will be able to readopt the updated positions in May 2007. The program planning process leading to the May 2007 convention will allow local Leagues to propose changes which they think essential to any LWVC position.





# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LWVC BYLAWS

Bylaws amendments will be presented, discussed, and voted on during the plenary session on Saturday afternoon. There are three proposed amendments from the LWVC board. Only one local League (LWV San Diego) proposed amendments to the LWVC bylaws.

To facilitate your deliberation, the proposed amendments are set forth below along with the board's recommendations for action on these amendments. Language to be deleted is indicated by **strikeout**. New language is indicated by **underlining**.

Amendments which are not recommended by the board will be acted on only if brought to the floor by a delegate.

A two-thirds vote of delegates present and voting is required for adoption of amendments to the bylaws.

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## BYLAW PROPOSAL #1

### Article III. Membership

**Section 2. Classes.** The LWVC shall have the following ~~seven~~ classes of members: local League members, associate local League members, LWVC members-at-large, life members, student members, local League and inter-League organization (hereinafter also referred to as "ILO") presidents, and directors. Directors shall constitute members within the meaning of Section 5056 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. A person may hold a membership in more than one class:

- (e) Student Members. LWVC members who are enrolled either full- or part-time in an accredited institution and who are making progress toward a degree.

*Adds provision for student members and a new subsection (e). If this amendment passes, the lettering of the subsequent subsections would be changed to: (f) Delegate Members; (g) Local League and ILO Presidents, and (h) Directors.*

### Proposed by the LWVC board

**Rationale:** The purpose is to encourage membership growth. The LWVUS offers a student rate for per member payments and this will make the LWVC practice consistent with that for the LWVUS.

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## BYLAW PROPOSAL #2:

### Article IX. Financial Administration

#### Section 6. Financial Support.

- a. ~~Financial responsibility for the work of the LWVC shall be assumed by the local Leagues.~~

*Strikes out subsection (a) and re-letters subsequent subsections (b) and (c) to (a) and (b).*

### Proposed by the LWVC Board

**Rationale:** This is a gesture of good faith to local Leagues and consistent with the intent of a proposal by the LWV San Diego. Although the board does not believe that this provision presents financial risk to local

Leagues, the board acknowledges the concern and proposes to delete the provision (rather than change it, as proposed by LWV San Diego). The extent of support by local Leagues is specified in the subsequent provision (b) regarding payment of dues and per member payments. Furthermore, the LWVUS bylaws do not have a similar provision.

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## **BYLAW PROPOSAL #3:**

### **Article IX. Financial Administration**

#### **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.

*Adds a provision for student member PMP.*

#### **Proposed by the LWVC Board.**

**Rationale:** The purpose is the same as for the amendment to Article III. Membership above (See Proposal #1). It would encourage membership growth and allow for a student rate for per member payments. This will make the LWVC practice consistent with that for the LWVUS.

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## **BYLAW PROPOSAL #4:**

### **Article XIV. National Convention and Council**

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

#### **Proposed by the LWVC Board**

**Rationale:** The LWVUS council, which is typically scheduled for June and located in Washington DC, has a registration deadline in early to mid-May. If the LWVC board does not elect delegates until its May board meeting, these delegates may not be able to register by the deadline and may be precluded from obtaining advance airfares at low rates. The proposed amendment will not impair board governance, will allow delegates to plan their schedules in advance, and may result in lower costs for the LWVC.

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## **BYLAW PROPOSAL #5:**

### **Article IX. Financial Administration**

#### **Section 6. Financial Support.**

- (a) Financial responsibility for the work of the LWVC shall be assumed by the local Leagues **by per member contributions approved by delegates to Convention or Council**.

#### **Proposed by the LWV San Diego**

**Rationale (provided by the LWV San Diego):** By altering the wording of this measure, local Leagues are not expected to bail out the California League no matter what happens and no matter how much money is involved. The State League would need to communicate with the local Leagues and solicit approval by delegates. Many local Leagues have very limited funds.

**Board recommendation: The LWVC Board does not recommend this amendment.** The board does not believe that there is a substantial risk to local Leagues, but proposes to eliminate subsection (a) entirely. (See rationale for Proposal #2.)

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## **BYLAW PROPOSAL #6:**

### **Article IX. Financial Administration.**

#### **Section 3. Fiscal Report.**

- (e) A copy of ~~any the~~ 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.~~

#### **Proposed by the LWV San Diego**

**Rationale (provided by the LWV San Diego):** There are several reasons that the LWVC should have a financial review or audit by an independent accountant: 1) to verify the work of the treasurer and the office, 2) to ensure the local Leagues, whose responsibility is the fiscal health of LWVC (Article IX, Section 6a), and to ensure the public and IRS that the League is fiscally sound. The cost of such a review should be included in the budget.

**Board recommendation: The LWVC Board does not recommend this amendment.** The LWVC has always made its financial statements available to local Leagues and members. Nonprofit law requires that a financial report be available to members within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year. However, it does not require that any audit be completed within that time. As a practical matter, it may be impossible to have the audited report completed within that time. Reports, although unaudited, were prepared by independent accountants previously but this did not protect the LWVC from fraud or ensure fiscal soundness. This provision as written in the bylaws is from the Corporations Code, Section 6321(a)(5)(b).

In recognition of the importance of audits, the board commissioned an audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. The board plans to have the financial report for the year ending June 30, 2005 audited as well. Recognizing the need for good financial practices consistent with the California Nonprofit Integrity Act and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, at its March 2005 meeting, the board adopted a policy establishing an independent audit committee to oversee the process.

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## **OTHER PROPOSALS:**

The LWV San Diego submitted two other suggestions but did not submit specific amendments to the bylaws. One was an editorial change which noted an error in the lettering of subsections in Article IX. This was a clerical error and has been corrected. It does not require convention action and we thank them for bringing this to our attention.

The LWV San Diego also suggests that an attorney update Article VIII. Board of Directors. Their reason is that local Leagues also have this section in their bylaws and it has not been updated for several years.

This is not practical at this time. Article VIII reflects current corporation law, although probably in more detail than necessary. Provisions such as this were recommended by attorneys when the Nonprofit Corporation Law passed in the early 1980s and attorneys still advise including such provisions. Parliamentarians usually prefer less detail and will often just refer to the sections in the Nonprofit Corporation Law.

It would be preferable to review the entire bylaws for similar provisions and to present a revised set of bylaws at the state convention in 2007.

**BYLAWS  
OF  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA  
A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION  
801 12th Street, Suite 220, Sacramento, 95814**

**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 of citizens 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. Classes.** The LWVC shall have the following seven classes of members: local League members, associate local League members, LWVC members-at-large, life members, delegate members, local League and inter-League organization (hereinafter also referred to as “ILO”) presidents, and directors. Directors shall constitute members within the meaning of Section 5056 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. A person may hold a membership in more than one class:

- (a) **Local League Members.** Local League members are persons who are citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and enrolled in local Leagues of Women Voters recognized by the LWVUS (hereinafter referred to as a “local League”).
- (b) **Associate Local League Members.** Associate local League members are all other persons enrolled in local Leagues.
- (c) **LWVC Members-at-Large.** LWVC members-at-large are persons who reside outside the area of and are not enrolled in a local League, but who pay annual dues to the LWVC in an amount determined by the board of the LWVC.
- (d) **Life Members.** Honorary life members are League members who have been members of the League for 50 years and are exempt from paying dues. Paid life members are League members who have paid a lump sum life membership payment to the LWVUS.

- (e) **Delegate Members.** Delegate members are local League members selected by a local League to represent the local League at the LWVC's biennial convention.
- (f) **Local League and ILO Presidents.** Local League and ILO presidents are the elected presidents of local Leagues and inter-League organizations.
- (g) **Directors.** Directors are persons elected and appointed to the board of the LWVC.

**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 which 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 and shall take office on July 1 following said convention and serve for two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. 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 hold office for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected or appointed 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 be 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 directors 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:

- (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 executive vice president, one member of the board who shall have been nominated for appointment by the president and elected by the board, and two members of the board elected by the board. 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, an executive 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 nominating 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. Executive Vice President.** The executive 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. In the absence or disability of the treasurer, the executive vice president may sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes.

**Section 4. 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 5. 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 any 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.

**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) Financial responsibility for the work of the LWVC shall be assumed by the local Leagues.
- (b) 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. 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.
- (c) 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. 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 delegate members, 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 delegate members 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 member, 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 member, 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 addition to the local League presidents as provided in the section above) in proportion to their membership as of the record date of the year of the biennial convention according to the following table:

50 or less	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	1 delegate member
51-100	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	2 delegate members
101-150	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	3 delegate members
151-200	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	4 delegate members
201-250	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	5 delegate members
251-300	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	6 delegate members

301-350	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	7 delegate members
351-400	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	8 delegate members
401-450	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	9 delegate members
451-500	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	10 delegate members
501-550	Local League or Associate Local League Members (inclusive)	11 delegate members

And in the same manner an additional delegate member for each additional 50 local League or associate local League members or a portion thereof. The record in the LWVC of paid-up local League and associate local League members on the record date shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

**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 mailing such notice enclosed in stamped envelope addressed 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 board may fix, in advance, a record date for the determination of the members entitled to notice of any biennial convention or entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any



lawful action. The record date so fixed shall be not more than 90 days nor less than ten days prior to the date of the biennial convention, nor more than 90 days prior to any other action. When a record date is so fixed, only delegate members, local League and ILO presidents, and directors of record on that date are entitled to notice, to vote, or to exercise the rights for which the record date was fixed.

If no record date is fixed by the board, the record date for determining members entitled to notice of a biennial convention shall be 90 days prior to the date of biennial convention or 90 days prior to any other action.

**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 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 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 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 number 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 its meeting immediately 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, 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) Proposal 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 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



# League Easy Web (LEW)

*Build a local League Web site  
in a few hours*

## You need:

- Access to the Internet
- A Web Browser
- Basic information about your League

## You DON'T need:

- A Web designer
- Web composing software
- A Web host
- Web expertise
- Knowledge of HTML

## Get Started Here and Now!

Look for the LWVC Webmistress Carol Watts in the plenary room (but not during Convention sessions).

## Too Busy Politicking?

Do it at home. Go to <http://www.lwvc.org/lwvonly/lew> for more information.

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## WORKSHOPS

1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

### SMART VOTER WORKSHOP

Thursday, May 19, 2005

It is a New World and it is information driven. People expect today's organization to deliver relevant information quickly in an easy-to-use format. Smart Voter catapulted League onto center stage as voters tripled Smart Voter traffic from the previous presidential election.

This Smart Voter Workshop will feature the Best Practices Leagues used successfully to build their local Smart Voter team and to market Smart Voter in their community. Come and learn how to create maximum visibility for your League. Leverage your volunteers' time through strategic collaborations. Share your triumphs and pose your challenges in this interactive workshop.

Presenters: Trudell Een, Project Director, LWVC Smart Voter  
Roberta Hollimon, Finance & Fundraising, LWVC Smart Voter  
Kathleen Weisenberg, Marketing & Fundraising, LWVC Smart Voter  
Carol Watts, Webmaster, LWVC Smart Voter  
Frances Talbot-White, Southern California Liaison, LWVC Smart Voter  
Bonnie Hamlin, Northern California Liaison, LWVC Smart Voter

### **7:00 pm ~ Dinner**

Speaker: Steve Rodermund, Orange Co. Registrar of Voters  
Bellagio Italian Restaurant,  
12361 Chapman Ave. Garden Grove

# WORKSHOPS

3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2005	SESSION I - SKILLS WORKSHOP "New World Approaches"	CHOOSE 1
<p><b>A. League Administration: Nuts and Bolts for League Leaders</b></p> <p>This administration workshop will offer tips to help new and continuing League presidents make their job more manageable. It will answer questions about the special League forms, mailings and procedures designed to coordinate League services in CA.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Jackie Jacobberger, President Donna Chipps, Treasurer Jill Kaiser Newcom, Executive Director</p> <p><b>B. "Nothing Succeeds Like Success "</b></p> <p>This workshop features a panel of speakers from five Leagues, one of which should be just like your own. Come and hear how Redding Area (very small League—43), Santa Maria Valley (small League—80), Western Nevada County (mid-sized League—103), Bakersfield (mid-sized League—158), and Pasadena (large League—353) have increased their membership significantly. Handouts, time for questions and discussion</p> <p><i>Moderators:</i></p> <p>Beverly King, Member Services Director Lois Chaney, MTA Coordinator, South Crownie Billik, MTA Coordinator, North</p> <p><b>C. "Net Benefits: Leveraging the Internet for League"</b></p> <p>This workshop will explore the different ways that Leagues can use the Internet to do their work efficiently and economically. Topics covered will include using e-mail for communication among board members and among members, using the Internet for League research, and using a local League website as a tool for membership and for reaching out to the community.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Lynda Hungerford, Communications Director Carol Watts, Webmaster Chris Carson, Government Director</p> <p><b>D. Voter Service: Innovation=Visibility</b></p> <p>In the summer of 2004, almost 25 local Leagues submitted proposals for HAVA money for innovative voter outreach activities. Even though the HAVA money never came through, the ideas were too good not to share. At this workshop, members of several of these Leagues will discuss</p>	<p>their creative projects for outreach to underrepresented groups throughout California.</p> <p>Also there is a new world of technology for Voter Service. Francis Talbott-White, the Southern California coordinator for Smart Voter will talk about how to collaborate with your community cable TV to produce streaming video of forums and individual candidate statements. Get the information onto Smart Voter and let Smart Voter do your Voters Service while you sleep</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Sue Kelly, Voters Service Director Robbie Davis, Educational Activities Chair Francis Talbot-White</p> <p><b>E. Strategies for Taking Effective League Action</b></p> <p>Confused by the myriad opportunities for advocacy at the local, state, and national levels of League? This workshop will discuss how local Leagues decide to take action and devise effective Action Plans. A new publication, <i>Action Guidelines</i>, will be introduced.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Marion Taylor, Legislation Director Trudy Schafer, Program Director/Advocate</p> <p><b>F. "Energy in California "</b></p> <p>This natural resources workshop will explore the range of energy issues facing California and provide information about the Energy Study, currently underway.</p> <p><i>Moderators:</i></p> <p>Jack Sullivan, Natural Resources Director Jane Turnbull, LWVC Energy Consultant,</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Paul Clanon, Deputy Executive Director CA Public Utilities Commission Michael Keesee, Manager, Residential Solar Programs, Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) Suzanne Phinney, Senior Environmental Engineer, Aspen Environmental Group, Co-President, LWVSacramento County Mignon Marks, Senior Analyst, California Energy Commission, Member LWV Sacramento County</p>	



3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Saturday May 21, 005	SESSION II - SKILLS WORKSHOP "New World Challenges "	CHOOSE 1
<p><b>G. "Joy of Fundraising"</b></p> <p>This fund development workshop will give local League members an opportunity to swap recipes for hearty and healthy fundraising. It will review the basics of fundraising and League success stories to give participants some rewarding recipes and a cornucopia of ideas and inspiration.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Nikki Harris, Development Director Jill Kaiser Newcom, Executive Director</p> <p><b>H. "A Wild Card: Reforming State Government"</b></p> <p>Calls for reform of California 's government are legion. But what is real reform, and what is realistically possible? Everybody's talking about redistricting. Hear about the issues, learn about the latest proposals. Be prepared to educate League members and the public about this "hottest topic" of all. Could campaign finance reform be heating up? Who knows? We'll give you the latest developments in these and other vital areas.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Chris Carson, Government Director Trudy Schafer, Program Director/Advocate</p> <p><b>I. "Promoting Grassroots Democracy Around the World"</b></p> <p>This international issue workshop will present the LWVUS Global Democracy Initiative program that is designed to give citizens the tools to create positive change in their communities and countries. It demonstrates that Americans have been spreading democracy in other countries for some time.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Marion Taylor, Legislation Director</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i></p> <p>Sarah Diefendorf, LWVUS Board</p> <p><b>J. Management Training and Mentoring in League</b></p> <p>This workshop is for current MTA's, former MTA's and anyone interested in becoming a Management Training Advisor. It will explore the common problems of local Leagues as experienced by MTA's, whether Leagues are receiving the help they need from LWVC and what can be done to make the program more effective. Come and share our needs and concerns.</p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i></p> <p>Beverly King, Member Services Director Crownie Billik, MTA Coordinator, North Lois Chaney, MTA Coordinator, South</p>	<p><b>K. Hot Topics in Education, Budget Reform and the Ballot</b></p> <p>The League Education Update Study is done. Now it's time to put it to work. Panelists will speak from a variety of perspectives about the impact of budget proposals, current reform efforts, and the use of the ballot as they relate to education in California. Hear about Readiness-to-Learn efforts and the move toward universal access to voluntary preschool from the Executive Director of the Child Development Policy Institute. Learn about the League's new partnership with the Educational Justice Collaborative and its implications for our work from a noted UCLA researcher. Marvel (and shudder) at the intricacies of the legislative process as it relates to budget, reform, and the initiative process, as newly redefined. You won't want to miss this opportunity.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <p>Gary Kinley, Executive Director, Child Development Policy Institute Education Fund Jeannie Oakes, Presidential Professor and Director UCLA's Institute for Democracy, Education &amp; Access (IDEA) UC All Campus Consortium on Research for Diversity (ACCORD) Rick Simpson, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the California State Assembly; Former Chief of Staff to the Senate Education Committee; Former Chief Consultant to the Assembly Education Committee</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Barbara Inatsugu, LWVC Program Director for Education; past LWVC president</p> <p><b>L. Seeking Solutions for California's Health Care Crisis</b></p> <p>Panel discussion and Q&amp;A for current health care issues and solutions: Medi-Cal Redesign, Prescription Drugs, the Uninsured, and the Health Care Safety Net</p> <p><i>Coordinator:</i></p> <p>Kathy Webb, Social Policy Director</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Idabelle Fosse, Southern California Organizer, Health Access Ernie Powell, Assistant State Director for Advocacy, AARP California Barbara Storey, Off-Board Program Director, Health Care</p>	

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## CAUCUS SCHEDULE

<b>Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20</b>  7:30-11:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REDISTRICTING</b></p> <p>Lets talk about real reform. Learn why we need to update our redistricting position to eliminate gerrymandering and uncompetitive elections.  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV El Dorado  <i>Contact:</i> Paula Lee, 530-644-8760, paulalee@softcom.net</p>
<b>Friday, May 20</b>  7:30-8:30 p.m	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARENTAL NOTIFICATION</b></p> <p>Action Priority—Education on the Parental Notification Initiative  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV Palos Verdes Peninsula  <i>Speaker:</i> TBA  <i>Contact:</i> Sheila Hoff, 310-377-7668, choff7423@aol.com</p>
<b>Friday, May 20 8:30- 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 21 9:00- 11:00 p.m.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENERGY</b></p> <p>Energy is an Issue for Advocacy. Following the implementation of the Energy Update, the committee wants to have a voice in the broad mix of issues under consideration  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV Los Altos/ Mt. View  <i>Contact:</i> Jane Turnbull, 650-559-1766; jaturnbull@ix.netcom.com</p>
<b>Friday, May 20</b>  8:30-11:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CIVIL LIBERTIES</b></p> <p>Civil Liberties—Where we are and where we are going. We will begin with the resolution passed so resoundingly at Convention 2003 and move to discussion of what we have been doing and where we are going. We will tie in work at the local and state levels with the new LWVUS Democracy Agenda.  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV Oakland  <i>Contact:</i> Sukey Wilder, 510-336-9270; sukeyw@yahoo.com</p>
<b>Friday, May 20</b>  8:30-11:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CIVICS EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b></p> <p>Report on local Study of Civics Education in Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville Public Schools with discussion of what is happening in public schools throughout California.  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV Berkeley/ Albany /Emeryville  <i>Contact:</i> Jinky Gardener; 510-548-5292;jinkybsq@comcast.net</p>
<b>Friday, May 20</b>  8:30-11:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEWLETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE MINIGRANTS</b></p> <p>Hewlett Minigrants are Fun! Last year's migrant recipients will talk about how their events worked out and answer questions from Leaguers interested in having an event in their communities.  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV Berkeley/ Albany/ Emeryville  <i>Contact:</i> Helene LeCar, hle@ix.netcom.com</p>
<b>Friday, May 20</b>  8:30-11:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EDUCATION STUDY UPDATE</b></p> <p>Explore further study and implementation of the Education Study Update.  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV Santa Monica Area  <i>Contact:</i> Joanne Leavitt, 310-828-7925; ac997@lafn.org</p>

<b>Friday, May 20</b>  8:30-11:00 p.m.	<p align="center"><b>HEALTH CARE REFORM: PLANNING TO WIN</b></p> <p>Strategies to win single payer health care in California (SB840)  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV San Diego  <i>Contact:</i> Barbara Storey, 619-231-8231; bs_lwv004@cox.net</p>
<b>Saturday, May 21</b>  12:15-1:30 p.m. 9:00-11:00 p.m.	<p align="center"><b>WITHER WATER: WHERE DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM—REALLY AND WHERE IS IT GOING?</b></p> <p>In 1978 the LWVC failed to reach consensus on inter-basin transfers of water. With increasing emphasis on conjunctive use, urban vs. ag competition, the fragility of the delta as a reliable conveyance facility and comparable affordability of desalination, it is time to revisit that issue  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV Butte County  <i>Contact:</i> Barbara Hennigan, 530-893-8492; barbhgn@aol.com</p>
<b>Saturday, May 21</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. 9:00- 11:00 p.m.	<p align="center"><b>ATTACKS ON CEQA AND LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING</b></p> <p>Discussion of recent bills that are directed at weakening CEQA with the objective of asking for a LWVC Resolution making protecting CEQA a high priority. Discussion of proposed legislation by State Housing and Community Development Department to weaken local land use planning.  <i>Sponsor:</i> LWV Santa Barbara  <i>Contact:</i> Catherine McCammon, 805-966-0536; mccammon@cox.net</p>

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# REFERENDUM ON CANDIDATE FORUM CRITERIA

**The Question:** Should the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund use the results of an independent poll as a criterion for participation in League-sponsored forums for candidates for statewide elected offices—e.g. Governor or U.S. Senate?

**The Situation:** Recent LWVCEF-sponsored candidate forums have brought the issue of criteria to the forefront. During the 2003 recall we sponsored a forum among gubernatorial candidates. Since there were over 100 official candidates, a polling threshold of 3 percent was set. The Green Party candidate did not originally meet that criterion and launched a nationwide campaign against the League. The LWVC office and offices of Leagues across the country were inundated with phone messages, letters, and e-mails, severely impacting League operations.

In August 2004 we sponsored a forum for candidates for U.S. Senate. A criterion of ten percent was used. Only the Democrat and Republican candidates qualified. The League was then sued by the Libertarian Party candidate. An attorney represented the League pro bono and the suit was dismissed, but not before additional negative publicity. Clearly, this will be an ongoing issue.

In both instances, the LWVCEF board heard from League members—but not in large numbers. The current LWVCEF board has been divided on the question. It does not feel that it has enough information to make an informed decision reflecting the true will of our grassroots. Therefore, the purpose of this referendum is to get input from a wide spectrum of California League members that will guide the board in future decisions on this subject.

**Background:** Citizens have long associated the League with candidate forums. They are one of our most highly visible activities and people continue to speak about our presidential forums even though the League has not been involved at that level for many years. League members are very supportive of the League's sponsorship of forums. In May 2003, delegates to the LWVC convention voted that the LWVC board should send a letter to LWVUS urging them to be involved in presidential forums.

At the state and national levels, Leagues have traditionally used criteria when planning forums. In 2002 the LWVCEF board published criteria that included not only polling numbers, but also the requirement that a candidate be waging a "formal" campaign as evidenced by a headquarters, telephone number, stationary, staff, and/or scheduled appearances. The federal government uses similar criteria to determine which candidates will receive public campaign funds. However, opponents of criteria generally argue that their use negates important League principles of participation by all in the political process.

The dilemma that must be faced is that, if polling criteria are not used, major candidates will generally refuse to participate in a forum. Without major party participation, media and sponsors will not hold the forum at all and voters lose an opportunity to see the candidates. The other drawback to not using criteria becomes obvious when there is a field of five or six candidates. In that case, the relatively short airtime generally allotted precludes the possibility of any candidate being able to present a significant amount of meaningful information.

The bottom line is that League members must decide which goal has priority. Should we uphold League principles by insisting that all candidates have the opportunity to participate and thus lose the option of holding forums? Or, should we establish criteria for candidate participation in forums that will bring visibility (both positive and negative) to the League?

### **Supporters of Criteria Say:**

- Polling criteria ensure that forum viewers get the most information possible from candidates likely to be elected.
- Criteria are used by the federal government to determine what parties will appear on the ballot and receive federal funding.
- If polling criteria are not used, major party candidates will generally refuse to participate. League visibility, as well as voter education, will suffer.

### **Opponents of Criteria Say:**

- Polling criteria go against the League's policies of non-partisanship and inclusion.
- The League cannot afford the bad publicity and/or lawsuits from disgruntled candidates who do not meet the criterion.
- Polling criteria prevent third-party candidates who have different and innovative views from participating equally in the democratic process.

### **Your Choices:**

This referendum will use instant runoff voting. You will be asked to rank the following choices (with #1 being the one that most closely represents your opinion).

- A. LWVCEF should never use a polling criterion to limit the number of participants in a forum.
- B. LWVCEF should establish and use a polling criterion only when there are more than four (4) candidates for a statewide office.
- C. LWVCEF should establish and use a polling criterion for all forums for statewide office.

# CONVENTION SPEAKERS

## Friday Luncheon

### **Kathay Feng, Executive Director, California Common Cause**

Kathay Feng began work as the Executive Director of California Common Cause on April 4, 2005. An attorney, she has been leading the voting rights and hate crimes work of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center for the past several years. In this capacity she created and chaired the California VOTER Empowerment Circle—a statewide coalition of 40 major organizations and individuals advocating for voting policy reforms.

Feng, 35 years old, is a resident of Los Angeles, and received her Bachelor's degree from Cornell University and her law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. In addition to the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, she also worked previously for the law firm of Litt & Marquez, the Office of the California Attorney General, U.S. District Court Judge Ronald S.W. Lew and the Organization of Chinese Americans.

As Kathay Feng began her new position she said, "I am committed to grassroots empowerment and coalition building and look forward to leading a revitalized California Common Cause in its mission to make democracy work for all the people of California."

California Common Cause is the state chapter of Common Cause, the national nonprofit, nonpartisan citizens lobby. It has over 22,000 members statewide and has a long history as an advocate of government reform and citizen empowerment issues such as campaign finance reform, redistricting reform, voting rights and open meeting laws.

## Saturday Morning Plenary Session

### **State Senator Sheila Kuehl**

Sheila James Kuehl was elected to the State Senate in 2000 and again in 2004 after serving for six years in the State Assembly. During the 1997–98 legislative session, she was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly. A former civil rights attorney and law professor, Sen. Kuehl represents the 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. She is chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee and chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Resources, Energy, & Water, and sits on the Budget and Fiscal Review, Environmental Quality, Health, Judiciary, Labor, and Governmental Modernization, Efficiency & Accountability Committees. She is also chair of the Select Committee on School Safety and Chair of the Select Committee on the Health Insurance Crisis in California.

In her ten years in the State Legislature, Sen. Kuehl has authored bills that have been signed into law, including legislation to establish paid family leave, establish the rights contained in Roe vs. Wade in California statute, overhaul California's child support services system; establish nurse to patient ratios in hospitals; protect domestic violence victims and their children; prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender and disability in the workplace and sexual orientation in education; increase the rights of crime victims; and safeguard the environment and drinking water.

In 1998 and, again, in 2000, the California Journal chose her as the Assembly member with the greatest intelligence and the most integrity.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, Senator Kuehl was a law professor at Loyola, UCLA and USC Law Schools and co-founded and served as managing attorney of the California Women's Law Center. Senator Kuehl graduated from Harvard Law School in 1978 and is currently a member of the Harvard University Board of Overseers.

In her youth, she was known for her portrayal of the irrepressible Zelda Gilroy in the television series, "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis."

### **Saturday Evening Banquet** **Secretary of State Bruce A. McPherson**

Bruce A. McPherson was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and sworn in as California Secretary of State on March 30, 2005, to finish the remainder of a term which expires in 2007. In that capacity he presides over 450 state employees, 58 county elections departments and 16.5 million registered voters.

Secretary McPherson, a fourth generation Santa Cruz native, served in the 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District from 1993 to 1996 and represented the 15<sup>th</sup> State Senate District from 1996 until 2004. During his time in the State Legislature, he served as Chairman of the Senate Public Safety Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee and the Environmental Quality Committee. He was the Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Anti-Terrorism Policy when it was newly formed.

A long-time advocate for education, Secretary McPherson helped reduce class sizes, establish tougher graduation standards, and pass two state school bonds. He also spearheaded the creation of literacy programs for students and worked to enhance athletic programs for students. He is especially proud of his work in supporting legislation aimed at assisting victims of violence and keeping dangerous weapons out of school and off the streets.

Secretary McPherson also worked to protect our natural resources, authoring legislation to help detect toxic elements in seawater, securing funds to purchase and preserve coastal properties, and cast the deciding vote to prohibit drilling for oil off the California coastline.

A former newspaper editor, McPherson was among the first lawmakers to introduce bills to put many secretary of state records online, including political contributions and lobbying information. During Senate hearings and a 90-minute hearing March 17 before the Assembly Rules Committee he expressed support for "paper trails" in electronic voting machines that allow voters to double-check their choices..

During his service in the State Legislature, Secretary McPherson was honored by the California School Boards Association, the California Small Business Association, the Legal Community Against Violence, the California Non-Profit Policy Council, and the California League of High Schools.



## RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE WILL OF THE CONVENTION

- Write your proposed resolution on this form (a second is needed) or staple it to this sheet. Please remember to make two additional copies.
- Deliver in triplicate to the LWVC Secretary as early as possible, and no later than Saturday, May 21, at 3:30 p.m., following the close of the afternoon Plenary Session.
- The Resolutions Committee will meet after the banquet on Saturday, and at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday.  
**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 22. The Resolutions Committee chair will deliver your resolution to the viewgraph table.
- You will present your motion from the parliamentary microphone. You will be given two minutes. If there are many resolutions, then each presenter's time may be limited to one minute.

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SECOND\_\_\_\_\_LEAGUE\_\_\_\_\_HOTEL ROOM#\_\_\_\_\_

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

#### Format:

Whereas . . . , and

Whereas . . . (as many whereas clauses as needed),

Therefore be it resolved that:



## PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

1920-22	Mrs. Frank C. Law	Berkeley
1922-25	Miss Marion Delaney	San Francisco
1925-27	Mrs. H. H. Koons	Los Angeles
1927-29	Miss Alice Burr	San Francisco
1929-31	Mrs. J. C. Whitman	San Mateo
1931-33	Mrs. O. S. Barnum	Pasadena
1933-37	Mrs. Paul Eliel	San Francisco
1937-38	Mrs. Carl Voss	Salinas
1938-41	Mrs. Warner Clark	San Francisco
1941-43	Mrs. Charles A. MacLean	Pasadena
1943-45	Mrs. James Scarborough	Los Angeles
1945-47	Mrs. George Scheer	Berkeley
1947-49	Mrs. Samuel May	Berkeley
1949-51	Mrs. Pauline Ploesner	Beverly Hills
1951-53	Mrs. Winston Crouch	Pacific Palisades
1953-55	Mrs. Harry Williams	Palo Alto
1955-57	Mrs. Paul Holmer	Kentfield
1957-59	Mrs. Robert Zurbach	Pasadena
1959-61	Mrs. Lawrence Spear	La Mesa
1961-63	Margaret Hayes Parsons (Mrs. Robert)	Piedmont
1963-65	Mrs. William Irvine	Menlo Park
1965-67	Mrs. Russel L. Stockwell	El Cajon
1967-69	Mrs. John O. Ahern,	San Francisco
1969-71	Anne Rudin (Mrs. Edward)	Sacramento
1971-73	Mrs. Walter Schuiling	San Bernardino
1973-75	Mrs. Kenneth Kaplan	San Mateo
1975-77	Dorothy Kellner (Mrs. Martin)	Beverly Hills
1977-79	Joan Rich (Mrs. Dan)	Atascadero
1979-81	Susan F. Rice	Santa Monica
1981-83	Kenni Friedman	Modesto
1983-85	Mary Jane Merrill,	Claremont
1985-87	Linda Broder,	Rancho Palos Verdes
1987-89	Carol Federighi	Lafayette
1989-91	Carole Wagner Vallianos	Manhattan Beach
1991-93	Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	San Anselmo
1993-95	Marlys Robertson	Manhattan Beach
1995-97	Fran Packard	Berkeley
1997-99	Karyn Gill	Solana Beach
1999-2001	Gail Dryden	Carmel
2001-03	Barbara Inatsugu	Santa Monica