



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA CALL TO 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

All members of the League of Women Voters Eden Area representing Hayward, San Leandro and surrounding unincorporated areas of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, Hillcrest Knolls and San Lorenzo are hereby called to the Annual Meeting.

DATE:	Saturday, June 2, 2007
PLACE:	San Leandro Library, Estudillo Room 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro
9:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	BUSINESS (See page 2 for Business Agenda)
10:45 a.m.	Dr. Deborah LeVeen Professor Emeritus. Political Science

A Prescription for Today's Ailing Health Care Insurance System

Dr. LeVeen taught health policy in the Urban Studies Program at San Francisco State University for 30 years. She is an active member of California VOTE HEALTH and the Women's Working Group on Universal Health Care.

This Annual Meeting Kit contains information which will be acted upon at the meeting. Please bring this Annual Meeting Kit to the meeting

2007 ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
- 9:20 a.m. Call to order – Nancy Van Huffel, President
Welcome and Introductions
- 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting – Nancy Van Huffel, President
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - Adoption of Order of Business – Marian Handa
 - Adoption of Rules of the Day – Marian Handa
 - Action on Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting
 - Appointment of Committee to Review 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes – Nancy Van Huffel
 - Action on Proposed 2007-2008 Budget – Pat Piras
 - Action on Bylaw Revision– Nancy Van Huffel
 - Action on 2007-2008 LWVC Program – Marian Handa
 - Action on LWVACC updated position - Suzanne Barba
 - Action on 2007-2008 Local Program – Suzanne Barba
 - President's Report – Nancy Van Huffel

 - Election of 2007-2008 Board – Nominating Committee
Nominations may be made from the floor
 - Charge to the Board
 - Swearing in of New Board Officers and Directors
 - Directions to the New Board – Member Recommendations
- 10:45 a.m. SPEAKER: Deborah LeVeen
TOPIC: A Prescription for Today's Health Care Insurance System
- Noon Adjournment

Please RSVP if you will be attending the meeting. We will be serving a complementary breakfast. Thus, we would like to estimate how many people will be attending.

E-Mail lwvea@aol.com or
call Suzanne 538-9678.



EDEN AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RULES OF THE DAY

QUORUM

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. Ten (10) percent of the members (150) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be 15 members.

VOTING

Every LWVEA member who is current in her or his dues as of June 1, 2005 shall be entitled to one vote. Absentee and proxy voting are not permitted. A majority vote of those local League members present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote providing proposals have been submitted to the membership one-month prior to the Annual Meeting.

WRITTEN MOTIONS

Main motions and substantive amendments shall be given to the secretary in writing with the name of the maker of the motion included.

DEBATE

Any member, upon recognition by the President, shall address the body stating his/her name and shall limit remarks to the question. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker unless time is extended by the chair. No person shall speak twice to a question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

PROGRAM ADOPTION

Each recommended program item shall be moved and seconded, but there will be no vote on any item until all items have been discussed. A majority vote is needed to adopt a recommended item.

NOMINATIONS

Additional nominations for Officers, Directors and the Nominating Committee may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured in advance.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern.

REPORT OF THE 2006-2007 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Unfortunately, this year we had no volunteers for the nominating committee. Thus, each board member was contacted to determine if they wanted to continue serving. Below are the results. As you can see we still have vacancies. I want to encourage all of our members to serve. If you need more information, contact Nancy at 510-562-4473.

OFFICERS

Co-President	Angelina Reyes
Co-President	Alison Lewis
1st VP Program	Marian Handa
2nd VP Membership	Jo Murdach
Secretary	Maria Palmeri
Treasurer	Pat Piras

DIRECTORS

Director at Large	Meg Jurich
Director at Large	Alexandra Matteucci
Director at Large	Bev Reliford
Director at Large	Trish Taylor

OFF BOARD POSITIONS

Healthcare issues	Suzanne Barba
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Volunteers needed

for the following
positions:

- 1) Newsletter editor
- 2) Posting Internet information on the web
- 3) Membership committee members
- 4) Voter services
- 5) Nominating committee 2008-09

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 3, 2006
9 a.m. to Noon Eden Medical Center

WELCOME - The Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by President Nancy Van Huffel who introduced elected officials and past LWVEA presidents. She then introduced the panel who spoke on "Do Our Votes Really Count?" Speakers were Angelina Reyes, Hayward City Clerk and LWVEA Board Member; Kate Quick, LWVC Board and Alameda League member; and Sherry Kelly, former Berkeley City Clerk.

- **BUSINESS MEETING** - The Business Meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by President Nancy Van Huffel. She then appointed a Parliamentarian – Pat Piras.

- **ORDER OF BUSINESS** – The Order of Business was adopted by consensus.

- **ADOPTION OF RULES OF THE DAY** – The secretary reported that there was a quorum to do business. It was moved by Brian Foster and seconded by Eleanor Parker to approve. Motion passed.

- **MINUTES OF THE 2005 ANNUAL MEETING** - Jean Gaylord moved and Angelina Reyes seconded to approve the minutes as published. Motion passed.

- **COMMITTEE TO REVIEW 2006 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES** - The president appointed Maria Palmeri and Alexandra Matteucci.

- **PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET** – Pat Piras reviewed the proposed budget as printed in the Annual Meeting Kit. She indicated that it included an increase in dues from \$48 to \$50 to cover the cost of an increase in LWVUS dues. Jean Gaylord made a motion and Eleanor Parker seconded to accept the proposed budget including the \$2 increase in local dues. Motion passed.

- **LWVUS & LWVBA 2006-2008 & LWVEA PROGRAM** -

Suzanne Barba reviewed the recommendations made at the Program Planning meeting on January 21, 2006. The members came to consensus on prioritizing three LWVUS positions: Campaign Finance Reform, Natural Resource Management and Public Policy on Reproductive Choice.

Members also selected two of the LWVBA Potential Action Issues for priority – (1) Continue to monitor the Joint Policy Committee including an emphasis on Housing needs in the Bay Area, and implementing and the Smart Growth Vision linking land use and transportation; and (2) Monitor and

comment on Hetch-Hetchy System improvements, Bay Area Water Agency Seismic Improvements and CALFED project.

She also explained that the LWVEA positions had just been updated last year and were not reviewed, with the exception of the Unincorporated Area position which was recently updated. She explained the recommendations on the position at the Program Planning meeting and a subsequent Board meeting. The current draft which was printed in the Annual Meeting kit contains all the recommendations for change which were agreed upon. Motion made by Pat Piras and seconded by Brian Foster to approve the recommendations made for the LWVUS, LWVBA and LWVEA Unincorporated Area position as updated. Motion passed.

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Van Huffel reviewed some of the highlights of LWVEA the past year and thanked her Board for the good job they had done to make it a very successful year. She and Supervisor Gail Steele then commended Jean Gaylord and Suzanne Barba who are retiring from the Board this year for their hard work in their many years on the Board and commitment to the community. Each was presented with a gift from the Board

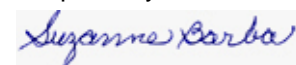
- **ELECTION OF 2006-2007 LWVEA BOARD**

President Van Huffel read the names of the new officers and directors as submitted by the Nominating Committee. There were no other nominations from the floor. Brian Foster moved and Eleanor Parker seconded that the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee be approved. Motion passed.

The new officers for 2006-2007 are:
President – Nancy Van Huffel, 1st VP
Program/Administration – Marian Handa, 2nd VP
Membership – Jo Murdach, Secretary – Maria Palmeri and Treasurer – Pat Piras. Elected Directors: Action (Local) – Pat Piras, Program/Social Policy – Beverly Reliford, Program Planning Meeting – Evelyn Cormier, ACMC Representative – Sal Tedesco, Voter Service – Angelina Reyes and Marian Handa, Student Voter Education Program – Trish Taylor, Historian – Eleanor Parker, Brian Foster, Meg Jurich, Alexandra Matteucci and Winnie Thompson.

- **DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD** – None given.

Respectfully Submitted:



Suzanne Barba, Secretary

	BUDGET 2005-2006	Actual 2005-06 (per NVH)	PerCent Actual/ Budget	BUDGET 2006-2007	YTD thru March 2007	PerCent Actual to Budget (75%)	PRELIM. DRAFT Budget FY'08
INCOME							
Bank Interest	\$250.00	\$378.25	151.3%	\$330.00	\$141.48	42.9%	\$200
Donations	\$250.00	\$550.50	220.2%	\$345.00			\$0
Dues 2005-2006	\$4,200.00	\$4,478.00	106.6%				
Dues 2006-2007	\$3,000.00	\$3,271.00	109.0%	\$4,200.00	\$1,688.00	40.2%	
Dues 2007-2008				\$3,000.00			\$6,000
Fund Raising		(\$34.00)					
Educ Lunch	\$300.00	\$447.00	149.0%	\$300.00			\$300
Holiday Auction	\$1,800.00	\$1,286.51	71.5%	\$1,500.00	\$1,759.87	117.3%	\$1,500
Raffle 2004-2005							
Raffle 2005-2006	\$1,800.00						
Raffle 2006-2007		\$898.72		\$1,800.00	\$1,540.00	85.6%	
Raffle 2007-2008							\$1,500
Unspecified	\$400.00	\$495.00	123.8%				
Voter Reg Boxes	\$2,000.00	\$794.06	39.7%	\$1,400.00	\$1,847.72	132.0%	\$1,750
<i>Subtotal other deposits</i>					\$10,672.50		\$2,000
<i> Elections income</i>					\$228.00		\$1,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,000.00	\$12,565.04	89.8%	\$12,875.00	\$17,877.57	138.9%	\$14,750
EXPENSES							
Admin Exp	\$400.00	\$691.00	172.8%	\$360.00	\$481.00	133.6%	\$500
Conv,workshops	\$1,500.00	\$2,719.04	181.3%	\$900.00	\$20.00	2.2%	\$3,000
State Council		\$20.00		\$400.00			\$400
LWVC Ins	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$366.00			\$400
Member Development	\$550.00	\$891.31	162.1%	\$200.00	\$300.00	150.0%	\$300
Member Recognition	\$500.00	\$320.04	64.0%	\$400.00			\$200
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$386.06	386.1%		\$15.00		\$100
Office Sup & Eq	\$400.00	\$227.16	56.8%	\$350.00	\$184.09	52.6%	\$275
Per Member Pay							
Bay Area - \$1	\$150.00	\$124.50	83.0%	\$125.00	\$126.50	101.2%	\$130
National - \$23.80	\$3,570.00	\$2,942.60	82.4%	\$3,600.00	\$3,296.40	91.6%	\$3,484
State - \$21	\$3,150.00	\$2,478.00	78.7%	\$3,200.00	\$1,533.00	47.9%	\$2,730
Postage	\$200.00	\$332.50	166.3%	\$160.00			\$300
President's Stipend	\$330.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$330.00			\$200
Printing	\$350.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$300.00	\$307.55	102.5%	\$359
Pros and Cons							Ed Fund
Publicity/50		\$330.00					
Anniversary	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$364.00	\$4,402.22	1209.4%	\$0
VOTER		\$50.00					
Postage	\$600.00	\$113.00	18.8%	\$420.00	\$100.00	23.8%	\$140
Printing	\$1,200.00	\$959.53	80.0%	\$700.00	\$212.01	30.3%	\$282
Layout							\$0
Voter Education	\$400.00	\$155.61	38.9%	\$500.00			\$100
Civil Liberties	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%				\$100
Student Voter	\$200.00	\$205.25	102.6%	\$200.00			\$150
<i>Food costs for events</i>					\$1,375.73		\$1,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,300.00	\$12,945.60	90.5%	\$12,875.00	\$12,353.50	95.9%	\$14,750
YEAR-END BALANCE	(\$300.00)	(\$380.56)	126.9%	\$0.00	\$5,524.07		\$0

NOTES: Checking account balance as of 3-31-07 = \$6,373.04
Deposits include Anniversary dinner; **distribution by purpose is estimated.**
National PMP was \$26.30 for FY 20056-07; for FY 2007-08 will be \$26.80
Membership assumed at130

LWVEA PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007-2008

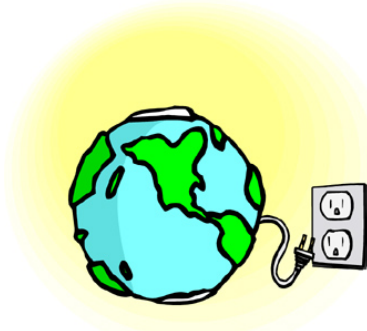
LWVC POSITIONS

LWVEA held its Program Planning meeting on January 25, 2007, with Winnie Thompson chairing and Evelyn Cormier recordings. Marian Handa, Angelina Reyes, and Suzanne Barba presented. A survey had been sent to the membership the month before asking them to prioritize the LWVC positions. The results of that survey were reviewed and the Program Planning attendees voted to retain/keep all the LWVC positions.

Members also came to consensus on three positions for education and advocacy by LWVC:

- **Universal Health Care** – Although this is a national position, members felt it was a position that should be given highest priority at the state level.
- **Education** – Issues such as generating parental support, solving the problem of students with differing needs by providing appropriate funding. More resources are needed including facilities and training for teachers.

- **Energy** – This position should be prioritized because of the emphasis on the problems of global warming.



Other LWVC positions that were reviewed and discussed include: **Campaign Finance, Redistricting, Election Systems, and Land Use.**

Members also agreed that the following LWVC positions should be updated: **Election Systems, Air Quality and Solid Waste.**

LWVEA POSITIONS

The LWVEA local positions were not reviewed in depth since they received a comprehensive update recently and were approved at the annual meeting in 2005. The updated local position – Unincorporated Area Policy was reviewed. Five edits were recommended that did not change the essential content of the position but did clarify several points. With those minor changes, the position was approved.

The matrix of positions at all levels—National, State, Bay Area, County and Local—was reviewed to show how local Leagues can use most of the vertical positions when specific issues need education or advocacy.

Suzanne gave examples of how vertical positions have been used in the past, i.e. Campaign Finance, a state position was used when LWVEA wanted to support an effort by a Hayward group to institute campaign finance reform for city elections. The national position of transparency in government, allowed LWVEA to take action in support of a study that showed local agencies were not following the Public Records Act.

NEED FOR LWVEA APPROVAL OF BYLAW CHANGE TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The LWVUs recently changed its bylaws to reflect a change in the Mission statement. Leagues at all levels are being asked to approve making the same change to their bylaws. The new statement just eliminates the words "of citizens." The updated bylaw Mission statement reads:.....

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

LWVEA HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2006-2007

ACTION/ADVOCACY

- Nominated Sal Tedesco, League member to be our representative on the AC Medical Center Measure A Oversight Committee
- Sent action alerts from LWVUS and LWVC to our E-mail Action/Advocacy list of members.
- Participated in LWVUS Sunshine Week.
- Participated in Clean Money activities.
- Wrote letter to the editor regarding lack of transparency on the part of law enforcement offices as the result of a survey taken by the media and California Aware.
- Phone banking for Sen Kuhe'sl bill that would establish a single-payer health system in CA.
- Committee appointed to participate in the study on immigration.

ADMINISTRATION

- The Oakland A's Skybox raffle raised \$1600 for the LWVEA and Lois Mahaney was the winner.
- Conducted a workshop to train members on how to coordinate a Homeowner Association Election in response to new legislation.
- Conducted a successful 50th LWVEA Anniversary Celebration Dinner on April 13 in the Hayward City Hall rotunda. Tickets were sold out a month before. LWVEA received many resolutions and commendations in writing and verbally from local, state and national elected officials. Other League representatives from State, County, Bay Area and other Local Leagues came to support our celebration. Eighteen past presidents attended including our very first president Maryly Moore Reinertson. The keynote speaker was 2nd VP LWVUS Sarah Diefendorf. Newspaper coverage included a My Word Article, plus front page coverage in the Tri Valley Herald, plus a comprehensive story in the Castro Valley Forum.

COMMUNITY AND VOTERS SERVICE

- Held a well-attended Meet Your Elected Officials reception in June 06. Electeds made brief presentation on accomplishments and their vision for the upcoming year.
- Reviewed placement of affidavit boxes containing voter registration material.
- Sponsored a 30-minute show on Comcast Cable which presented information about LWVEA and other levels of League. A plaque was also presented in honor of Helen Ketchum, a long-time League member, former president who had her own show on Comcast Cable focusing on the health and welfare off seniors.

- Distributed over 3,000 Pros & Cons in English. 1,000 in Spanish, and 2000 Easy Voter Guides.
- Provided speakers for 22 Pros and Cons presentations to various groups who requested our services.
- Conducted a televised candidate's forum for Al Co Superintendent of Schools and Board of Supervisors, , Hayward Mayor and City Council.
- Conducted candidates forums for the following races: State Senate, State Assembly, San Leandro Mayor and City Council, Eden Township Hospital District , County Board of Education,
- Conducted elections for various Homeowner Association
- Participated in Cultures in Harmony where we distributed Pros and Cons/Easy Voters in various languages. Used AC Transit bus to demonstrate the voting equipment..

MEMBER SERVICES

- Published six issues of the VOTER.
- Held an Annual Holiday fundraiser including a successful auction for our operational budget.
- Maintained a website for up-to-date information for members to access.
- Maintained an E-Mail Action Advocacy list of approximately 100 members.

PROGRAM

- Held a Board retreat in July to do the planning and set programs for the 2006-2007 year.
- Held an educational program on Global Warming, showing the film, *An Inconvenient Truth* followed by a town-hall discussion on the topic. Largest turnout we have had in many years.
- Conducted Annual Program Planning to review and come to consensus on LWVC and local positions.
- Held an educational program of local member "experts" on the Pros and Cons of ballot measures for members and the general public.
- Participated in a study to update of the Alameda County Board of Education, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools position regarding the most effective and efficient way to provide a balance of governance of the County Office of Education. Eleanor Parker is the secretary for the study.
- Our annual meeting featured a speaker who discussed and analyzed the many health care plans that are currently in the legislature.

APPROVE/ACCEPT UPDATED LWVACC POSITION

The following updated LWV Alameda County Council position was approved by consensus on November 8, 2006 by LWVEA. Each local League in Alameda County (7) was asked to present the updated position for approval at their Annual Meeting. When approved by a majority of the local Leagues, the position will be adopted by the LWVACC and may be used by the LWVACC and local Leagues for future action as needed.

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

I. Position in Brief: Support an efficient, effective and equitable balance of responsibility and authority among the levels of governance with accountability to the public and that results in providing services that best meet needs of students and the local school districts.

A. **Efficiency:** Provide those services (education, training, fiscal, oversight) to county school programs and district school programs that do not duplicate those provided by districts or other agencies

B. **Effectiveness:** Provide those services that best meet the needs and interests of local districts. Constantly monitor services to determine their effectiveness and remove or improve those that are not meeting district goals.

C. **Equitable Balance of Responsibility and Authority for Governance**

1. Establish policies that delineate the powers and functions of each entity where not covered explicitly in the Education Code to ensure an equitable balance of responsibility and authority for governance and to enhance accountability.
2. Provide for consolidation of functions between and among county offices of education to deal with area-wide problems. Consider consolidation of functions to achieve cost savings and improve the quality of service and equity.

D. Accountability to the Public

1. Ensure that both the Board and the Superintendent abide by the tenets of the Brown Act, and the Freedom of Information Act and the California Public Records Act.
2. Maintain public visibility by utilizing technology to keep constituents informed about actions taken by the Board and the County Superintendent.
3. Advertise upcoming elections for Board members' and the County Superintendent's seat to encourage contested elections. This will allow the public to learn about the candidates' credentials and the issues so they can make informed choices.
4. Develop a collaborative Annual Work Plan to set up measurable goals to be used in the annual evaluation of both Board Members' and Superintendent's performance. These evaluations will then be helpful in the Superintendent salary-setting process and for measuring progress toward established goals.

II. Monitoring

The League's role should be to:

- Continue observing County Board of Education meetings to ensure compliance with the Brown Act and Education Code.
- Monitor the County Office website to ensure that constituents have access to current and complete information concerning actions taken by the County Office/Superintendent and the Board.
- Review Grand Jury comments and recommendations pertaining to the County Board and County Superintendent and support those that support the improvement of efficient, effective, and appropriate governance and fiscal management of those entities.
- Monitor the governance model to determine if there is any interest by the public in changing the method of selecting a County Superintendent.

Adopted _____ 2007

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 Cherryland, Fairview, Hillcrest Knolls and San Lorenzo

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS FOR 2007

DATE/TIME	Event
5/2 Wed @5:00pm	LWVEA Board Meeting— Cancelled , rescheduled Wed May 9 @5pm
5/5 Saturday @ 9:30am	LWV Bay Area Education Forum
5/12 Saturday 8:30 to 11:30am	March with supporters of SB840 Single Payer Insurance System in the Castro Valley Rowell Ranch Parade. FMI call Suzanne 538-9678.
May 18-20	LWVC State Convention
6/2 Saturday @9:00am	LWVEA Annual Membership Meeting
6/28 Thursday @5:30pm	Meet your Elected Officials— CANCELLED this year because it was replaced by 50 th Anniversary. New Board will reschedule for next year.

Visit our website for up to date information: LWVEA.org