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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA CALL TO 2011 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, and San Lorenzo, are hereby called to the Annual Meeting.

DATE: Saturday, June 11, 2011

PLACE: Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley

10 a.m. Registration

10:15 a.m. League Business (See page 2 for Business Agenda)

11:15 a.m. **Program: UPDATE ON OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
--Treating and Rehabilitating Juvenile Offenders**

**Speaker: David Muhammad, newly appointed
Alameda County Chief Probation Officer**

Mr. Muhammad previously worked in New York City and Washington D.C. to reform the juvenile justice system and has received honors for his work with youth.

**Speaker: Paula Barber
Executive Director, Center for Family Counseling**

Ms. Barber represents a non-profit organization that works with youth and families in early intervention to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system.

12:15 p.m. Question and Answer Session with our speakers

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Light refreshments will be available.

Please RSVP to suzbarba@comcast.net or call Suzanne at 538-9678.

**THIS ANNUAL MEETING KIT CONTAINS INFORMATION
WHICH WILL BE ACTED UPON AT THE MEETING.
PLEASE BRING THIS KIT TO THE MEETING.**

2011 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

10 a.m. Registration

10:15 a.m. Business Meeting – LWVEA President Linda Slater
Welcome and Introductions

- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- Credentials report for quorum – V.P. Membership Jennifer Ong
- Adoption of Order of Business – V.P. Program Helene Carr
- Adoption of Rules of the Day – V.P. Program Helene Carr
- Action on Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting – Secretary Maria Palmari
- Appointment of Committee to Review 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes – Linda Slater
- Action on Proposed 2011-2012 Budget – Former Treasurer Linda Slater
- Action on 2011-2012 LWVUS Program – Program Plan. Chair Suzanne Barba
- Action on 2011-2012 Local Program – Program Plan. Chair Suzanne Barba
- President’s Report – Linda Slater
- Election of 2011-2012 Board – Nominating Committee – Sonya Howes, Chair
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

11:15 a.m. Adjourn Business Meeting

11:20 a.m. Program – Speakers Dacia Muhammad, AC Chief Probation Officer &
Noon Paula Barber, Ex. Dir., Center for Family Counseling

12:15 p.m. Q & A

12:30 p.m. Adjournment

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA RULES OF THE DAY

QUORUM

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. Ten (10) percent of the members (115) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be 12 members.

VOTING

Every LWVEA member who is current in her or his dues as of July 1, 2010 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 (3) 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.

REPORT OF THE 2010-2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for 2010-11 was chaired by Sonya Howes, assisted by Marian Handa and Jo Murdach.

OFFICERS (Two year terms, staggered)

President Linda Slater (2011-12)
1st VP Program Helene Carr (2010-12)
2nd VP Mem. Stephanie Raney (2011-13)
Secretary Maria Palmeri (2010-12)
Treasurer Christine Wise (2011-13)
Past President Nancy Van Huffel

DIRECTORS (One year term)

Director Suzanne Barba
Director Rene Besold
Director Gail Lundholm
Director Doris Marciel
Director Jo Murdach
Director Connie Rusk
Director Jewell Spalding
Director Shelia Young

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2011-2012

1. Sonya Howes
2. Open
3. Open

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall govern.

**League of Women Voters Eden Area--Annual Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2010 – 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.- Castro Valley Library**

1. **WELCOME**--President Suzanne Barba called the annual meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. She welcomed everyone. She asked for a moment of silence in honor of John Partridge, a long-time member and Joan McClellan, a 50-year life member both of whom passed recently.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

- a. **Appointment of a Secretary** – Secretary Maria Palmari was appointed.
- b. **Appointment of Parliamentarian** –Alison Lewis was appointed.
- c. **Credentials Report for Quorum** – V.P. Membership Jennifer Ong reported that 13 are needed for a quorum and there are 22 members present.
- d. **Adoption of Order of Business** – No changes were reported. Nancy Van Huffel moved to approve, Gail Lundholm seconded. Motion approved.
- e. **Adoption of Rules of the Day** – Nancy Van Huffel moved adoption of the rules of the day, Betty Moose seconded. Motion approved.
- f. **Action on Minutes of 2009 Annual meeting** – Motion to approve the 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes made by Sonya Howes, seconded by Shelia Young. Motion approved.
- g. **Appointment of Committee to Review 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes** –President Suzanne Barba appointed Linda Bennett and Shelia Young to review the 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes.
- h. **Action on Proposed 2010-2011 Budget** – Treasurer Linda Slater presented the actual and the proposed budget as published in the Annual Meeting Kit. She said the budget was reviewed by committee and approved at the budget meeting. She explained the new budget format . Gail Lundholm moved to approve the budget as submitted, Eleanor Parker seconded. Motion approved. Betty Moose complimented Linda on the new format.
- i. **Action on 2010-2011 LWVUS Program** – President Suzanne Barba reported t hat at the Program Planning meeting, attendees recommended that LWVUS **educate and advocate** on health care and climate change. At the LWVUS convention, attendees approved a study of the Federal Role in Education. They will notify local Leagues when to begin the study in September 2011.
- j. **Action on 2010-2011 Local Program** – President Suzanne Barba indicated that the attendees at the Program Planning meeting in January indicated that the position on Boards and Commissions should be updated. The local program will emphasize health care, and state and local finance.
- k. **President's Report** – The president's report can be found in the LWVEA Highlights in the Annual Meeting Kit.

3. New Business

- a. **Election of 2010-2011 Board** –Sonya Howes, Nominating Committee Chair presented a slate of officers and directors for 2010-2011 as follows: Officers: President Nancy Van Huffel, 1st V.P. Program Helene Carr, 2nd V.P. Membership Jennifer Ong, Secretary Maria Palmeri, Treasurer Linda Slater. Directors: Rene Besold, Gail Lundholm, Doris Marciel, Jo Murdach, Beverly Reliford, Connie Rusk, Jewell Spalding and Shelia Young. Sonya Howes asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Sonya Howes moved approval of the Nominating Committees' slate of Officers and Directors, seconded by Evelyn Cormier. Motion approved. Sonya Howes presented the nominees for the Nominating Committee for 2010-2011—Marian Handa, Sonya Howes, Jo Murdach. Evelyn Cormier moved approval, Eleanor Parker seconded. Motion approved.
- b. **Swearing In of the New Board** – Gail Steele presided as the Swearing in Officer and read the Annual Charge to the Board.
- c. **Directions to the New Board**
 - Regarding where the Russell City Energy Plant will be sited, the Board should consider its current positions on land use with regard to construction of this plant on the shoreline. (Audrey LePell)
 - Can the League present positions to look into how candidates and issue committees can pay for campaign mailers that look like they are coming from a political party but are not. (Linda Bennett)
 - If there is a local and/or state position on "transparency and good government," it should be published so that everyone can use it to observe at government meetings. (Audrey LePell)
 - Does the League at some level have a position on child custody matters or can it do a study on the issue? (Gail Steele)
 - The League should take stronger positions on issues. (Betty Moose)

4. **Adjournment** – The 2010 Annual Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maria Palmeri, Annual Meeting Secretary

LWVEA HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2010-2011

ACTION/ADVOCACY

- Forwarded Action Alerts from LWVC and LWVUS to members by E-mail.
- Continued to monitor and report on meetings of the Measure A Oversight Committee (*Alameda County sales tax to support healthcare for underinsured and indigent.*)
- Partnered with Association of University Women (AAUW) on programs of mutual interest.
- Contacted elected official for Legislative Interview.
- Used VOTER to include information on Healthcare, Water Crisis, Climate Change, Redistricting and State and Local Finance.

COMMUNITY AND VOTER SERVICE

- Reviewed placement and servicing of affidavit boxes containing voter registration material for 60 sites. Updated sites and added new ones.
- Distributed over 2,000 Easy Voter Guides in English, 500 in Spanish and Chinese for the November election.
- Trained speakers for Pro and Con presentations. Produced LWVEA's first video of Pro and Con using experts in the issue field and League members.
- Provided candidate forum services for candidates running for Hayward School Board and San Leandro Mayor and City Council.
- Provided election services for the Palomares Homes Association, including printing ballot information, collecting ballots and final counting.

MEMBER SERVICES

- Held an orientation for new members.
- Surveyed members to find out what their interests were in order to fill needs on the board and/or support committees.
- Published 10 issues of the VOTER, emailing to those with email and mailing hard copies to those who don't.
- Maintained a LWVEA website to keep membership informed.

PROGRAM

- Convened a Board Retreat in July to do the planning and set program for the 2010-2011 year.
- Held three informational programs:
 - Education-- featuring former State Supt. Delaine Eastin
 - State and Local Finance-- featuring Betty Yee, Chair, State Franchise Tax Board.
 - Juvenile Justice System-- featuring the newly appointed Chief Probation Officer David Muhammad.
- Conducted Annual Program Planning to review and reach consensus on LWVC and local positions.

ADMINISTRATION

- Members attended local, regional and state meetings to observe and gather information of interest to the league. Encouraged members to participate in LWVC Webinars.
- Donated \$1,000 to SmartVoter to ensure it will continue to provide voters and candidates with needed information.

LWVEA PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2010-2012

LWVEA held its annual Program Planning meeting on January 22, 2011, chaired by Suzanne Barba, attended by 16 members. They reviewed LWVC and local League positions.

LWVC POSITIONS:

Before the meeting, a survey was sent to all members, listing the 24 State League positions on various issues, and requesting that they rank their top five for prioritizing for education and advocacy by LWVC. Using those results, six positions were selected (there was a tie for two) and submitted for the Program Planning meeting attendees to discuss at length and decide which three would then be sent forward to LWVC as requested.

The three which were forwarded to the State League:

1. Education Pre-K to 12
2. State and Local Finance
3. Campaign Finance Reform

There was also a lot of discussion concerning those positions under Natural Resources and the suggestion that Air Quality, Water, and Energy could be consolidated into a Land Use position because they are inter-related and also each impacts the Climate Change issue that is currently being debated at every level of government—local, state and national.

The Education position was considered critical in the face of the continuing cuts in education funding and the disastrous impact it will have on students and their future as contributing, productive and well-rounded citizens.

The State and Local Finance position was also considered critical at this time because it underpins everything else. Without appropriate and adequate finances, nothing can be done to improve education, healthcare, and the environment.

The Campaign Finance Reform position was considered important at this time because it was felt that the recent ruling by the Supreme Court (Citizens United) will give moneyed interests even more power to control and direct the election of candidates and issues.

Attendees felt that our local League should do as much as it can to educate the public about state and local finance, campaign financing and other important positions. It also suggested the State League should update some of its older positions and add “veterans” into its Mental Health position as one of the vulnerable populations needing services.

LOCAL POSITIONS:

The positions were reviewed and it was noted that previous Program Planning groups have suggested that the Boards and Commissions position be updated and implemented which hasn't been done yet. Also suggested that we update our Mental Health position. The group reviewed how national and state positions can be used locally and that is why we have only six positions.

The group recommended that the local League educate and advocate on education, healthcare and state and local finance.

LWV EDEN AREA ANNUAL MEETING KIT

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2011-2012

In the last quarter of FY 2010-11, our League should end up about \$4,000 ahead of last year's budget. Our total assets remain around \$46,000, which is an ample amount and more than our annual budget. The Board decisions this year reflect a desire to group revenue and expenses by broad categories: Membership; Voter Services; Fundraisers; Programs; Special Projects and Administration. The Board felt this strategy would make it easier to ascertain the actual income and expense for each program/project. For FY 2011-12, the Board is recommending a balanced budget, that includes member dues remaining at the current level for the year.

MEMBERSHIP	BUDGET	PROGRAMS	BUDGET
Income		Income	
Membership Dues	\$6,150	Programs	\$ 700
Individual		Annual Meeting	
Other Household		Program Planning	
Students		Educational Forums (3)	
Member Donations	\$ 200	Expenses	
Expenses		Programs	(\$2,000)
National Dues	(\$2,850)	Annual Meeting	
State Dues	(\$2,150)	Program Planning	
Local Dues	(\$ 100)	Educational Forums (3)	
Membership	(\$ 500)	Net Programs	(\$1300)
Printing			
Promotional Items			
Postage			
Orientation			
Angel Fund			
Net Membership	\$ 750		
		SPECIAL PROJECTS	BUDGET
		Expenses	
		Special Projects	(\$1,000)
		ADMINISTRATION	BUDGET
		Income	
		Interest Earned	\$ 100
		Expenses	
		Convention/Meeting Expenses	(\$2,500)
		Accommodation/Meals	
		Travel/Parking	
		Registration/Fees	
		Legal or Professional Fees	(\$ 500)
		Sunshine Committee	(\$ 150)
		Postage	(\$ 150)
		Printing	(\$ 150)
		Supplies and Materials	(\$ 250)
		Voter Newsletter	(\$ 200)
		LWVC Insurance	(\$ 400)
		Website	(\$ 200)
		Net Administration	(\$4,400)
		TOTAL INCOME	\$16,500
		TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$16,500)
		NET INCOME	\$ 0
FUNDRAISERS	BUDGET		
Income			
Holiday Party/Auction	\$1,400		
Membership Raffle	\$1,000		
HOA Election Services	\$6,200		
Expenses			
Holiday Party - Food	(\$ 300)		
Membership Raffle - Printing	(\$ 200)		
HOA Election	(\$2,500)		
Postage, Printing			
Food			
Net Fundraisers	\$5,600		

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CALENDAR

May 13 to 15 -LWVC Convention, held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Ventura.

For more info: <http://www.ca.lwv.org/lwvc/aboutlwvc/convention/2011/index.html>

May 16 - 6 to 8 p.m. - Hayward Public Library-- Showing of "FLOW" the award-winning documentary about the global battle over freshwater.

May 17 - 1 p.m. Board of Supervisors, Planning Meeting on the Alameda County *Climate Action Plan*, Board Chambers, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland. ACCCAP can be viewed at <http://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/landuseprojects/climateaction/index.htm>

May 18 – 5:45 p.m. – LWVEA Board Meeting, Supvr. Wilma Chan’s district Office 15903 Hesperian Blvd., San Lorenzo.

May 20 – 2 p.m. Interview with Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi using questions furnished by LWVC.

June 1 - 4 to 6 p.m. San Leandro Public Library--Showing of "FLOW" the award-winning documentary about the global battle over freshwater.

June 11 – 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – LWVEA Annual Meeting, Castro Valley Library (see page 1 for more information)

**Please visit our website for up-to-date event information—
www.lwvea.org**