



THE V O T E R

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BERKELEY, ALBANY, AND EMERYVILLE

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President's Message

Now is the time for all good citizens to consider candidates and issues, and to VOTE on November 3. Now is also the time when you, our members, will be receiving information about the candidates and issues from many sources. Fortunately, you belong to the League of Women Voters, and our purpose is to INFORM voters, not to INFLUENCE them. We are nonpartisan and do not endorse or support candidates. We provide objective information on issues in our PROS & CONS. And we provide guidelines on what to consider in choosing candidates.

Our Educational Activities

To assist voters in choosing candidates, we are conducting a series of "Meet the Candidates" events (see the insert for dates and times). The public is invited, so be sure to come and bring your friends and neighbors.

Berkeley will be electing a Mayor, 4 members of the City Council, 5 members of the Rent Board, and 3 School Board directors. Albany will be electing 2 City Council members and 3 School Board directors. (There are no Emeryville candidates.) Other public officials to be elected include the Alameda County School Superintendent, AC Transit At-Large Director, EBMUD Director, and of course our California State Senate and Assembly Representatives, Governor and other statewide officials, US Senate and Congressional Representative.

When you attend a candidates' meeting, you may want to keep in mind the following guidelines:

- Will the candidate serve the whole community?
- What are the candidate's issues?
- What are the candidate's experience and background?
- What are the candidate's qualifications?
- How does the candidate communicate

with the voters?

- Who funds and endorses the candidates?

Think it over and then choose the candidate whose views on issues you agree with most and who has the leadership qualities you are looking for.

In our study of California's Initiative & Referendum process, our League supported a number of reforms to help restore legislative accountability and to minimize the complexity of the ballot. Yet here we are once again faced with multiple measures. We are asked to consider 11 State ballot measures, 11 Berkeley ballot measures and 1 East Bay Regional Park District tax proposal. While we will try to clarify and explain the current issues we will also continue to pursue reforms aimed at simplifying the ballot and placing pressure on our elected officials to do the job for which we elect them.

Advocacy

In addition to the unbiased information we offer voters on all the issues, both the LWVC Board and our local Board, after careful study, have taken action on several ballot measures which relate to our adopted positions. The State Board has decided to **support** Propositions 2 (Transportation Funding) and 9 (Electric Utilities) and to **oppose** Proposition 8 (Public Schools). (Detailed explanations of the reasoning behind these decisions is available on the LWVC's web site, which can be easily accessed through our own web page, address above.) Our local Board has decided to **support** Berkeley Measures C (BUSD Appropriations Limit Adjustment), D (BUSD Advisory Measure), F (Ordinance imposing a special tax on gross receipts of business selling firearms and/or ammunition), and I (Initiative ordinance amending the Rent Stabilization

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ordinance regarding eviction procedures); and to **oppose** Measures K (Charter Amendment to increase Mayor and Council remuneration) and L (Charter Amendment to elect for Mayor, Auditor or Council, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes cast but at least 45%). We remain neutral on all the other measures, including Measure J (Charter Amendment to clarify responsibilities of the City Auditor).

Our decisions were made after careful review of our local positions. With regard to the Measure J, for example, which would add detailed language describing the duties of the Auditor, while we have no specific objections to the substance of the added material, we concluded that such details were not necessary. Our position states that the "city charter should be clear, concise, useful and flexible, containing only basic guidelines." In opposing the two other charter amendments, we again drew on our positions. We have clear guidelines that describe conditions that should be met in considering compensation for Mayor and Council members, and our position also states that "dollar amounts should not be stipulated" in the Charter. As to allowing a candidate to be declared elected after receiving 45% of the votes cast, our recent study concluded that runoffs are needed unless there is a "significant plurality," that is, only when the highest vote getter outdistances the other candidates by a "significant" margin. We would not support avoiding a runoff between the two highest candidates if the vote were very close, even if one candidate received 45%. Regarding the East Bay Regional Parks District proposed parcel tax, which affects both Alameda and Contra Costa counties, we will defer to the decision reached by the Bay Area League Board.

While our decisions reflect our best judgments, we leave it up to you and other voters to become informed and to use your own judgments both on the candidates and the issues. Read, watch, question, consider and then VOTE.

Let's make this year the beginning of a new trend in voter turnout--**up**, not down! Together, we can do it!

-Doris

September Board Briefs

At the Board meeting on 9/2/98 Berkeley ballot measures I, J, K, and L were discussed to determine whether we should support or oppose them, or take no action. The basis for decision was conformity to applicable positions adopted by our League after studies were completed. The Board voted to support Measure I, oppose K & L, and be neutral on J.

The idea of reducing the hours our office is open was considered, but no decision was reached. It is very difficult to recruit sufficient volunteers to staff the desk and answer the telephone.

We reviewed activities relating to the November elections, including candidates' nights and coordinating a project to involve high school students as poll workers on election day, 11/3.

Mim Hawley, chair of the Nominating Committee, attended the meeting and asked for suggestions.

-*Violet Feinauer*, Secretary

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-*Lenora Young*, Publications Chair

**The Bay Area League
Is on the Web!**

You can now have your very own copy of the Bay Area Monitor at LWVBA's brand-new website at www.lwvba-ca.org. The Bay Area Monitor Project (BAMP), chaired by LWVBAE's *Jane Bergen*, is exploring further ways to be more effective with the web page. For now, it carries the Monitor and some Board news. More to come.

-*Yvonne San Jule*, Bay Area Representative

October UNITs - Juvenile Justice: The Dependency System

Save this article and bring it to a UNIT meeting on Tuesday, October 6, at 7 pm or on Thursday, October 8, at 10 am (see below for locations).

California's Dependency System is made up of many parts that fit together with varying degrees of success. The 58 county courts and child welfare departments must work with each other to ensure a fair process for children and families. The county court has been given increasing responsibility to monitor the county welfare system's handling of individual cases. Federal and state law and state regulations determine the rules for other courts and the child welfare system. The Division of Child Welfare Services of the State Department of Social Services directs child welfare services from Sacramento; the county child welfare departments implement the program. Whether child abuse and neglect are prevented, and affected children recover, depends also on other governmental entities such as county health and probation departments, local schools and non-profit community organizations. Elected officials at the federal, state and county levels determine how much will be available to fund the system.

What is working in the system and what needs to be changed? In our UNITs we will be asked to reach consensus on the goals, functions and characteristics of the juvenile court, the child welfare system and other governmental agencies that deal with dependency issues; the role of the state and the private sector; and to assign relative importance to programs to be funded.

Numbers are up in foster care - from 71,000 in 1990 to 98,500 in 1996. There are more infants or children under three years old, more cases of neglect, more African Americans, and many more (almost half) the children are being cared for by a relative with some foster care support. Concern about the ^{serious} ~~abuse of children left with their parents, foster~~

children who go through many placements and never find a permanent one, victims of abuse and neglect who are homeless or enter the criminal justice system, and the lack of coordination between delinquency and dependency systems when foster children become delinquent, has prompted efforts at reform.

New 1997 federal guidelines put the child's health and safety ahead of reunification with the child's biological parents, and aim to speed up permanent placement of abused and neglected children. States are now required to begin proceedings to terminate the birth parents' rights after a child has spent fifteen months in foster care. The new law also gives states a financial incentive to move children out of the foster care system and into adoptive homes. "But," Hubner and Wolfson write in Somebody Else's Children, "as anyone who works with abused and neglected children knows, federal laws are not silver bullets. They are merely guidelines. The real work is done at the grassroots level. And there, the big questions remain: How do we decide if a child is better off with his family or in out-of-home care? Where do we attract enough adoptive parents? How do we support families who can keep their children? How do we do the best for each child at the crucial moment when a child needs our best?"

Dependency law aims at maximum protection for children who are physically, sexually or emotionally abused, neglected or exploited, or at risk of abuse and neglect. Protection presumes that the child's best interest is to remain in or be returned to his home or family, and includes provision of social and health services to the child and family, and family preservation and reunification efforts whenever possible. If reunification efforts fail or should not be attempted, there must be prompt planning for a permanent home. -(Continued on Page 4)

October UNITs Locations Juvenile Justice: The Dependency System

← October 6 at 7- 9 pm



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The Dependency System is in transition. A number of new laws and recommendations by various groups are changing the system. The California Department of Social Services has an agenda calling for: prevention, a 3-5 year program starting with home visitation during pregnancy, and tapering off as the situation improves; risk management, targeting resources to families before a child is harmed; training of social workers; a continuum of services for families with multiple problems; permanency of placement, so that if the child cannot be safe at home, he finds a "family for life"; and an automated management system.

Two recent Congressional actions have encouraged changes. One was to assess and improve the dependency court system; the other, to speed up permanent placement of children. The Little Hoover Commission in 1992 had warned that until a serious investment was made in front-end prevention and family preservation strategies, "out-of-home caseloads will continue to grow and more and more children will be denied the opportunity to grow within their natural families." Other groups have made such recommendations as expanding pilot programs to serve all who need services, replacing categorical with flexible funding, and collaboration at the state and local level, including merging county human service departments. And the Department of Social Services is developing new standards by which to judge the effectiveness of county child welfare departments.

*-Lois Brubeck, Juvenile Justice Local Chair
(prepared largely from a summary in the Leader's
Guide authored by Pat Kuhi)*

Membership

Happy Year to LWVBAE and to each individual member. May the 1998-1999 year be a happy and productive one with fun and laughter along the way.

News You Can Use will be back in the November Voter.

-Eleanor Cox, Membership Chair

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PROS AND CONS MEETING FOR MEMBERS

LWVBAE members will have an opportunity to learn about the November ballot measures - state and local - at a special League meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 1:00-3:00 pm at the South Berkeley Library, MLK Way and Russell. The speakers will be League members who have been studying the ballot measures to present them to community groups. Copies of the state and local **PROS AND CONS** will be available to anyone who has not already picked up copies at the Fall Membership Meeting. Bring all your questions. Also, we need assistance distributing the Pros and Cons. Please come to the office and take copies for your friends, neighbors, or your local coffee shop. Pick up some Easy Readers for those who need them (we have them in Spanish and Chinese, as well as in English). We also have summaries of the state and local measures we support or oppose so you can -

VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE.

*-Jean Safir, Program Vice President,
and Phoebe Watts, Voters Services*

Local Candidates LIVE in your home

LWVBAE and BTV (Berkeley's community access cable channel) will be cablecasting the candidates' forums during the month of October LIVE on Berkeley's channel 25. Tune in during the following Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm:

October 1 - City Council Candidates

October 8 - Mayoral Candidates

October 15 - Rent Board Candidates

October 29 - School Board Candidates

And, back by popular demand on Thursday, October 22, at 7 pm, will be *Lessly Wikle* hosting a special LIVE call-in program, where voters can ask League experts about state and local ballot measures. Encourage your friends and neighbors to call in during this one-hour program: 848-5483 or 848-8939.

We're also planning to tape the October 17 Albany forum for their City Council and School Board candidates for later cablecasting on the Albany public access channel. Please call the Albany City Clerk for times.

Other local candidates' nights, including contests for AC Transit Director At Large, County Superintendent of Schools, State Senator and Assembly Representative, and Congressional Representative are being arranged by the Oakland League. They will be rebroadcast on our channel. Call our office for dates and times.

-*Jill A. Martinucci*, Video Director

Green Power Illumination

PG&E no longer has a monopoly on retail electricity sales; we have new choices to make. Will choosing "green power" make a difference to our environment?

An independent consultant on various forms of renewable energy sources, Nancy Rader, will share her perceptions, perhaps joined by Dana Smirin, an advocate of green power companies. Join us at the League's Environmental Concerns Committee:

1340 Arch Street

(northwest corner @ Rose Street)

Monday, October 12, 7:15pm.

-*Eva Bansner*, Environmental Concerns

Notes from LWVC's In the Capitol Corridors At Last, a Budget

Governor Wilson signed a \$75.4 billion state budget on August 21, after the second longest budget delay in California's history. The budget accord reflected an agreement between the Governor and legislative leaders over tax reductions. The Governor's earlier budget called for a 25% reduction of the Vehicle License Fee, increasing to a 75% cut in 2002. LWVC opposed the cut and called for using revenues to invest in California's families. Legislative Democrats countered with their own tax cut proposals. Heavy negotiations led to the final budget which does entail a permanent 25% reduction in the VLF, effective January 1, 1999. Cities and counties will receive a General Fund appropriation to replace this annual loss in revenues. Additional tax reductions include a partial restoration of the renters tax credit suspended since 1992, and expansion of a program by which disabled, low-income seniors are given property tax and renters assistance.

In return for their support of the tax cuts, Democratic leaders also obtained some social program funding, including restoration of previously cut CalWORKS grants, a new COLA for the aged, blind and disabled receiving SSI, and extension of the state's food stamp program to cover legal immigrants ineligible for federal food stamps.

Campaign Finance

Proposition 208, the campaign financing initiative that passed with a 61% vote in 1996, remains in limbo while its supporters attempt to overturn federal district Judge Karlton's injunction against implementation of the entire measure. Briefs have been filed in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals but no decision is expected until after the November election. In the meantime, the legislature which had the opportunity to enact several provisions of 208 that are clearly separable for the sections ruled unconstitutional by Karlton, has failed to do so.

BUT WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE MCCAIN-FEINGOLD BILL IN THE US SENATE. WRITE OR CALL SENATORS BARBARA BOXER AND DIANNE FEINSTEIN TO URGE THEIR SUPPORT. Enactment of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill will be a vital step in restoring the American people's faith in the integrity of the electoral process.

CALENDAR

September

- Berkeley addresses unless otherwise indicated -

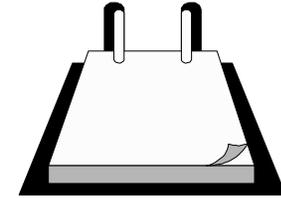
- 24 Thur. 5:30-8:30 pm **FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda (Safir, 524-9088)
- 26 Sat. 9 am LWVBA Know Your Bay Area Day
PG&E Auditorium, 851 Howard St., SF (San Jule, 845-1248)
- 29 Tue. 9 am Executive Committee 150 Montrose Rd.(Nelson) (Fine, 653-5031)

October

- 5 Mon. **LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3, 1998**
SEE FLYER INSERT FOR OCTOBER CANDIDATES' NIGHTS
- 6 Tue. 7-9 pm Juvenile Justice **UNIT** (Brubeck)
- 7 Wed. 9 am Board Meeting So. Berkeley Library (Fine)
- 8 Thurs. 10 am-Noon Juvenile Justice **UNIT** at the Albany Library,
Edith Stone Room, Marin Ave. & Masonic, Albany (Brubeck)
- 9 Fri. 4 pm Deadline for November *Voter* LWVBAE Office (Hawley)
- 12 Mon. 7:15 pm Environmental Concerns Meeting (Bansner)
- 13 Tue. 1:00-3:00 pm Pros & Cons Meeting for Members
So. Berkeley Library (Rechen)
- 17 Sat. 10 am-Noon Albany: Meet the Candidates at the Albany Library,
Edith Stone Room, Marin Ave. & Masonic, Albany (Ganong)
- 21 Wed. 9 am Action Committee (Price)
- 26 Mon. 7:30-9:30 pm Housing Study Meeting (Adams)
- 28 Wed. 9 am Executive Committee (Fine)

November

- 3 Tue. 7 am-8 pm **ELECTION DAY**
- 4 Wed. 9 am Board Meeting So. Berkeley Library (Fine)
- 6 Fri. 4 pm Deadline for Dec.-Jan. *Voter* LWVBAE Office (Hawley)
- 9 Mon. 7:15 pm Environmental Concerns Meeting (Bansner)
- 18 Wed. 9 am Action Committee (Price)



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The **League of Women Voters**, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The LWV does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. It does, however, take action on selected governmental issues in the public interest. Members are encouraged to attend all scheduled meetings.

A member of the **League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville (LWVBAE)** automatically becomes a member of the Bay Area, California, and United States Leagues. The League at all levels is a grassroots organization. It is through participation in the local League that members determine, directly or indirectly, League policies and the action to implement those policies.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 1998-99 Board is composed of 18 members: 8 Officers and 10 other Directors

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BERKELEY FOUNDATION

This organization, separate from LWVBAE, was set up in 1992 to receive tax-deductible gifts. Its funds may be spent only on educational activities. The Board meets quarterly. Directors are:

Fran Packard, President	Heidi Gillies, Treasurer
Ann Crowe, Vice President	Marilyn Couch, Secretary
Pat Kuhi, Liaison to the LWVBAE	

ACTION

JO ANN PRICE, VICE PRESIDENT

Active participation of citizens in government and advocacy of policy issues based upon study and consensus comprise the dynamic center of the League's mission. Action takes several forms, including:

- Letters, FAXes, e-mail and telephone calls to policy makers at all levels of government.
- Use of the media, e.g. press releases, and programs prepared in cooperation with local public television.
- Testimony before public bodies.
- Interviews with public officials.
- Initiation of, or participation in, public meetings, forums and debates.

The effectiveness of League Action depends upon membership interest and participation. Members are invited to attend **Action Committee** meetings which are held every month to review past action and to discuss potential new action on issues of national, state and regional concerns. Local areas of interest include city government, education, social policy, transportation, housing and environmental concerns.

Action alerts from national and calls to action from state are described in the *VOTER*, and members are urged to review them and to take the action indicated. LWVBAE is currently seeking members interested in serving as League Observers for local and regional councils, boards and commissions. Please call or fax Jo Ann Price.

The **Action Committee** meets on the third Wednesday of each month promptly at 9:00 AM at 1419 Grant Street, Berkeley. All members are invited to join. The following individuals are committee members and/or consultants.

Jo Ann Price, Chair

Government:

- State/National
Charlotte Bernardin
- Bay Area
Yvonne San Jule

Local

-Albany Ruth Ganong
-Berkeley (tba)
-Emeryville (tba)

Education

Lois Brubeck

Environmental Concerns:

Eva Bansner
Gail Schickele

Housing

Suzanne Adams

Rent Stabilization Board

Doris Maslach

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ADMINISTRATION

MARION LUTEN, VICE PRESIDENT

The League office is the communication center and hub for all League activities. A partial list of services follows. We do the following:

- Acknowledge donations.
- Collect, organize, and distribute information and materials.
- Maintain office equipment, files, supplies and schedules.
- Produce and distribute the League Directory and Board Handbooks.
- Proofread and mail the *VOTER*.
- Recruit and train office volunteers.
- Respond to, log and process phone messages.
- Schedule the use of office space and equipment.

THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM:

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

LASSIE ULMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

The goal of **Community Services** is to encourage and enable people to be politically involved and to understand and effectively participate in government at any level. The League provides accurate, nonpartisan services and useful information on election and governmental issues that is available in our office and on our web site.

Our voters services include:

- Voter registration.
- Candidates meetings.
- A Speakers Bureau.

Other community services include assisting UC Berkeley students conduct the annual ASUC election; working with the Registrar of Voters on election day; and participating in local events such as Earth Day and the Solano Stroll.

We also serve as volunteers in Berkeley schools, conduct student mock elections in Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville, and are active members of local committees such as the Berkeley Alliance, the All-city Youth Collaborative, and the Concerned Citizens for Berkeley High School.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM:

Alameda County Coordinator for High School Student Election Assistance Program:

Karen Carlson-Olson

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DEVELOPMENT

KAREN NELSON, VICE PRESIDENT

LWVBAE **Development** seeks to foster growth in local membership, disseminates information about the League and raises funds to support League activities.

Membership: Eleanor Cox, Chair
Membership Records: Mina Jenner
Nina Olson

Fundraising: (tba)

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Doris Mendell

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FINANCES

GINETTE POLAK, TREASURER

Funds received from dues, contributions, grocery SCRIP, fundraising events, payment for election-related services, and grants from **LWVB Foundation** finance our rent, supplies, and the activities listed in this Directory. The "Tribute Fund" to which donations may be made in memory of, or in honor of a League member, is used for special purposes, e.g. a new computer or photocopier.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yvonne San Jule, Chair, Jane Bergen,
Linda Gerson, and Ginette Polak.

PROGRAM

JEAN SAFIR, VICE PRESIDENT

League **Program** involves those government issues that League members choose for concentrated study and action. After an issue has been studied, an attempt is made to reach consensus at membership or UNIT meetings. The

Board may then approve the consensus and adopt a new local League Position or send our consensus to the Bay Area, State, or National League to be incorporated into their Position. The Position becomes the basis for League action.

CURRENT STUDIES

State Study - Juvenile Justice Part II, Dependency System: Chair, Lois Brubeck

Bay Area Study - Local Decisions/Regional Impacts: Chair: (tba)

Local Study - Housing Needs, Policies, Programs: Suzanne Adams

UNITS

Each UNIT is a meeting where members review the findings of current studies and seek to reach consensus. Watch your *Voter* for announcements.

Chair: Sally Severance

At our MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES we present issues of interest to League members. Check your *VOTER* for time, place and subject.

Co-chairs: Eloise Bodine
Sarah Miyazaki
Elsa Tranter

The Environmental Concerns Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, with a different subject and speaker at each meeting. Check your *Voter* for time, place and subject.

Co-chairs: Eva Bansner
Gail Schickele

The FALL GENERAL MEETING in September provides an opportunity for members, prospective members, and friends to learn about LWVBAE programs for the current year and to hear a speaker on a subject related to League program.

At our ANNUAL MEETING in May, League members elect the Board, adopt positions, select studies for the coming year and approve the following year's budget.

Meeting Arrangements:
Ruthann Taylor