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Annual Community Luncheon

Jeanne Woodford Speaks on Criminal Justice in California

When: Thursday, August 15, 11:30am – 1:30pm

Where: Hs Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr, Berkeley

Jeanne Woodford, former Warden at San Quentin State Prison and Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, will headline the League's Fourteenth Annual Community Luncheon, speaking on:

Criminal Justice in California: The Politics of Improving Public Safety



Ms. Woodford is a Senior Distinguished Fellow of the Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute of Law and Social Policy at the Berkeley School of Law. Until very recently she was Executive Director of Death Penalty Focus, an organization

working for abolition of the death penalty in California.

She worked her way up in the criminal justice system. She graduated in 1978 from Sonoma State University with a degree in criminal justice, and was hired soon after to work as a correctional officer at San Quentin. In 1999 Governor Gray Davis appointed her Warden, and in 2004 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger made her Director of the California Department of Corrections. In 2005, she became Undersecretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

After many years working within the prison system and overseeing four executions as San Quentin's Warden, she realized that the death penalty is not a deterrent to crime, as it is neither swift nor certain. It is also very expensive — since 1978 the state has spent an estimated \$4 billion to execute 13 inmates. There are now more than 700 state inmates awaiting execution.

Ms. Woodford led one of the organizations that worked with the League in last fall's general election to support Proposition 34, the effort to repeal the death penalty, which failed by only 3 percentage points.

Come hear her, and bring your friends! RSVP by sending an email to office@lwvbae.org or phoning 510-843-8824.

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"Spirit of the League" Awards

Jane and Tom Coulter and Two Organizations to Be Honored

*Suzanne Chun, Luncheon Committee
Sherry Smith, outgoing President*

A highlight of the August 15 Luncheon will be the "Spirit of the League" award honoring Jane and Tom Coulter. This is the first time this award has been given to a couple.

A former President of both the League and its Foundation, Jane has served in several League leadership roles and has also served the community as a member of Berkeley commissions, including Solid Waste and Housing Advisory. Supporting the Berkeley Unified School District, she served on the PTA Council for many years, as well as the Master Plan Committee and the BUSD Personnel Commission on the Merit System. In addition, she was a member of the National Board of the Camp Fire Girls and on the United Crusade Budget Panel.

Tom Coulter worked for 40 years at Coulter Steel where he ultimately served as President and General Manager. He has been Treasurer of LWVBAE and its Foundation; on the Board of the Berkeley-Albany YMCA; and is currently an Art Docent at the Oakland Museum of California. A registered professional engineer in metallurgical engineering, Tom has been President of several professional associations.

Our League is also awarding the "Spirit of the League" award to two organizations that demonstrate how effective volunteers can be. *Daily Bread*, a group of 70 volunteers under the direction of Patrice Igneizi, pick up unsold food from restaurants, farmers' markets, and bakeries and deliver it to senior centers, shelters, and organizations with hungry people to feed. Volunteers serve Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, Kensington, and Richmond. *The Berkeley Project* each year mobilizes some 2,500 Cal students under student leadership to host two community events that serve the needs of Berkeley and its citizens and forge a positive relationship between campus and community.

LWVC Convention Decisions for Next Two Years:

New Education Study, Money in Politics at Top

Eighteen LWVBAE members, including six delegates, attended the LWVC Convention, in San Jose where they participated in workshops and caucuses and made decisions that will guide the League for the next two years.



Five of our six delegates, Nancy Bickel, Sherry Smith, Pat Kuhi, Phyllis Gale and Carol Stone, pondering an issue.

By one vote, delegates at the League of Women Voters of California Convention adopted a new three year study of the public higher education system, including the Community College, UC and Cal State University systems. The first year of the three year study will be spent finding money, establishing a committee and developing the materials that the local Leagues will use to study the issue.

LWVC adopted four areas for education and advocacy for 2013-2015. In the top tier are:

Money in Politics, formerly called "Campaign Finance Reform", is our highest priority. LWVC will continue to support stronger campaign disclosure requirements, including higher penalties and stricter enforcement for the Political Reform Act.

Education: Financing of education from early childhood through high school comes second, with a special emphasis on maintaining the educational content and quality of early childhood programs.



Helene Lecar and Diz Swift in LWVBAE colors.

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A second Tier of Focus will be acted on as opportunities arise, but as a second priority.

Health Care: As the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is implemented in California, Leagues will work to educate the community about the ACA and to lobby to adopt a single payer option.

Water: Leagues will prepare for the water bond measure expected on the 2014 ballot by educating the public on the issue.

LWVC's top legislative priorities for 2013 are Money in Politics and State and Local Finances/State Budget/Education Financing.

For LWVC education and advocacy priorities see: <http://ca.lwv.org/announcement/2013/may/2013-15-league-priorities-california>

For LWVC legislative priorities see: <http://ca.lwv.org/issues/legislative-priorities>

What Are LWVUS Priorities?

Protecting and Engaging Voters –voting rights, improving elections, registering voters, educating voters and District of Columbia voting rights

Reforming Money in Politics –money in elections, ethics and lobbying

Defending the Environment –clean air defense, global climate change, fracking

Gun Safety – support the regulation of firearms for consumer safety

See <http://www.lwv.org/our-work>

LWVBAE to Become a 501(c)(3)

At the Annual Meeting of LWVBAE, held June 6, members unanimously approved amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws that make effective the League's application to the Internal Revenue Service to become recognized as a not-for-profit tax entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Along with more than 30 other California local Leagues, LWVBAE is submitting its application to the IRS to shift its status from a 501(c)(4) entity

to that of a 501(c)(3). The practical result is that membership dues and all other contributions to LWVBAE will be considered fully tax-deductible to the members and contributors.

The new status has no effect on the ability of the League to advocate for its positions or take action on them. Practically speaking, the only change is in the percentage of a League's budget that can be allocated to lobbying activities – in other words, lobbying **expenditures**. Our traditional member advocacy on measures or legislative proposals can continue unchanged.

It is anticipated that, assuming the IRS accepts the applications of LWVBAE and our sister Leagues for the change in status, and after we notify the appropriate State authorities, we will then begin the wind-down of our Foundation. The LWVB Foundation's Board is willing to dissolve, folding their assets into those of LWVBAE. Due to current IRS staffing and controversy surrounding its 501(c)(4) application approvals (which are not involved with the status for which we are applying) we cannot predict when approval will actually occur, but we are told that it will probably happen within the year. In the meantime, the Foundation will continue its work and acceptance of tax-deductible donations.

In other business of the Annual Meeting, a budget of \$70,645.00 for fiscal year 2013-2014 was adopted, and a new Board was elected:

Nancy Bickel, President

Pat Day, Secretary

Sarah Miyazaki, Treasurer

Carol Stone, Action Coordinator

Phyllis Gale, Voter Services Coordinator

Dean Metzger, Membership Coordinator

Sherry Smith, Program Coordinator

Four League members were presented with Certificates of Appreciation, honoring the long-time commitment of each to the work of the League: Angharad Jones, Helene Lecar, Ginette Polak, and Gail Schickele.

Due to a mistake in printing, the formal adoption of the Program for the 2013-2014 League year was postponed until the Fall Meeting, scheduled for September 25.

LWVBAE's Year in Review

2012-2013

The League year 2012-2013 had many highlights as reported in stories on pages 4 through 9.

- Initiated a new, leaner Board structure;
- 2012 election season – held candidate debates, forums, pros-and-cons, successfully advocated on four Berkeley ballot measures;
- Launched our new website at <http://www.lwvbae.org/>;
- Welcomed 35 new members;
- Significantly grew our action and advocacy;
- Participated in the State Initiative and Referendum study;
- Held Conversations, talks, debates, street-fair booths, and many other events.

A hearty congratulations to all those dedicated members who made this a successful year!

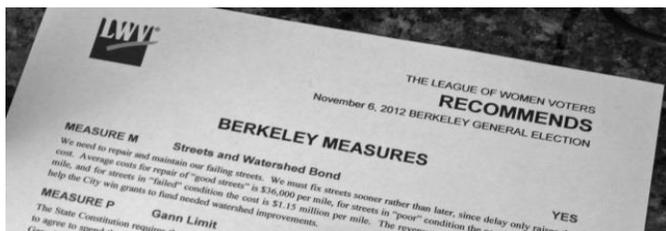
Action and Advocacy

Diz Swift, 2012-2013 Action Coordinator

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year we have robustly added to our action and advocacy efforts on a diverse variety of fronts.

Election and Post-election Action

Berkeley November 2012 Election: Our League took a position, signed ballot arguments, and ran an aggressive and successful campaign on four Berkeley ballot measures.



Monitoring Berkeley Redistricting Process: Measure R (Redistricting) a measure we supported, changed the City Charter for drawing district boundaries. Our League is monitoring the process to draw new districts to assure transparency and fairness. Contact: Sherry Smith

Monitoring Berkeley Measure M: The Measure M streets and watershed bond was another measure we supported. LWVBAE is actively participating with the Public Works Commission and three other commissions in the community involvement to plan how to balance spending of the bond money. Contact: Diz Swift

Action Teams

Three action teams continue from previous years: the **Climate Change Team** (page 5), the **Health Care Team** (page 5) and the **Civics Education Team** (page 6).

New or Proposed Action Teams

Berkeley Rent Board: A new LWVBAE team is following up on a recent Alameda County Grand Jury report on the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board (BRSB) structure and the BRSB response. The team is currently interviewing key people and will likely recommend a letter to the Rent Board with copies to City Council and Mayor for further “daylight” on the issues. Contact: Diz Swift

Money for Our Schools: Following the passage of Proposition 30, we are monitoring the process of getting tax money to our schools. The May Budget Revision this year is rosier than expected. Personal Income Tax receipts through April were up by \$4.5 billion. Most legislators are eager to bring big chunks of the extra money directly to their school districts. As yet, California’s expenditure per child still ranks 49th in the country. In addition to the immediate spending decisions about where the new money and the added predictable revenue from the passage of Prop 30 will go, the Governor has been trying to set out better, longer-term solutions to the inadequacy and instability of school funding. He proposes to allow local school boards to set their own priorities for most categories of special mandates under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). This has generated a number of variant alternatives from the Legislature which are also under consideration. Contact: Helene Lecar

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Money in Politics: This is LWVC's number one priority for 2013-2015. As of the end of May LWVBAE has formed a team to evaluate local actions related to Money in Politics and support LWVC's effort. Contact: Barb Singleton

**Other Actions**

Interviews of Elected Officials: Following the November 2012 elections, LWVBAE has been interviewing elected officials in all three cities. Contact: Carol Stone

Early Childhood Education: Education is LWVC's number two priority for 2013-2015. Our League has been strongly supportive of education. A small group of LWVBAE members have been supporting LWVC's actions, particularly for early childhood. Contact: Pat Kuhi

Education: It was proposed at the May Action Meeting that we form a team to focus on Education more broadly, in support of LWVC's top tier priority. This proposal will be explored in the coming year. Contact: Carol Stone

Gun Control and Safe Communities: Pat Kuhi, of our League, hosted a caucus on gun control and safe communities under the auspices of the LWVC at the State Convention. This is one of the top four priorities of LWVUS. Contact: Pat Kuhi

Human Trafficking: A small group has agreed to begin pursuing human trafficking to evaluate possible local action. We have two members who participate on the City of Berkeley Sub-Committee on Sex Trafficking. Contact: Diz Swift

Juvenile Justice: Lois Brubeck and Pat Kuhi have reviewed legislation in support of LWVC's Juvenile Justice Position. Contacts: Pat Kuhi/Lois Brubeck

To reach contacts, email office@lwvbae.org.

Climate Change Team Continues Advocacy

Regina Beatus, Climate Change Team Chair

This year our committee has been reaching out statewide to other leagues. As follow-up from our caucus on Climate Change at the LWV National Convention in June, 2012, we connected with the Woodland, CA League. We have met twice; at our second meeting, Gail Schickele presented the "Climate Reality" talk from her training with Al Gore.

Our Climate Change Team member Diz Swift wrote the web site for LWVC related to climate and the Vote Climate Campaign (see <http://ca.lwv.org/issues/climate-change>).

In May, 2013 we continued our effort to keep climate change as a high priority, holding a caucus at the LWVC State Convention entitled "Putting a Price on Carbon." As a follow up, we plan to meet with the Pasadena League and possibly other leagues to continue the dialog.

We will be following the two upcoming federal bills on a carbon tax – the Boxer-Sanders Bill and the Waxman-Whitehouse Bill – that may be introduced this summer.

Finally, the Climate Change Team continues involvement with the Berkeley Climate Action Coalition, attending quarterly meetings as well as working groups. The purpose of the Coalition is to help engage the community to implement the City of Berkeley Climate Action Plan.

Health Care Team Lobbies Sacramento

Li-hsia Wang, Health Care Team Chair

During the fall of 2012 the Health Care Team lobbied California state legislators to support health care reform via single payer financing. In January several members went to Sacramento to support hundreds of California health science students in their annual Lobby Day for single payer health care.

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The Health Care Team spent the last few months working to put together a kit of information and resources for other local Leagues, to be used for League and general education.

In addition the Team sponsored both a workshop and a caucus at the LWVC State Convention, offering the kit as well as two speakers, one on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the other on the League's position in support of single payer as our ultimate goal. We will be continuing to work on improving and enlarging the kit, offering showings of "The Healthcare Movie," which compares U.S. and Canadian healthcare systems, working with other Leagues, and cooperating with other organizations, in support of single payer financing of health care in California.

Civics Ed Action Grows

Jinky Gardner, Civics Ed Team Chair

This year our team took on an interesting project brought to us by Lois Brubeck – Student Courts. These are courts run by the students and so act as peer review for students who misbehave at school. The process is meant to replace punishment, usually suspension, with “restorative justice.” Briefly, restorative justice holds the perpetrator responsible for their actions, helps them to understand why their action was hurtful, and assigns the “perp” duties they can do to atone with the hope of changing the behavior that got them into trouble in the first place.

This restorative justice model is being tried in many school districts across the country. Berkeley Unified is one. The Berkeley Parks and Recreation Department runs the court for the three middle schools, and Berkeley High has started one of their own. Our team is researching the Berkeley schools’ practice and determining its effectiveness. This coming year we expect to finish our research and begin action to support the Student Courts in our three districts.

Speakers, Study Fill Program Year

Carol Stone, 2012-2013 Program Coordinator

What the LWV calls “Program” includes, in addition to Program Planning, education – including speakers – and studies. The prime study in 2012-2013 was the Initiative and Referendum study, culminating with a modified position ratified at the LWVC convention in May.

Monthly Conversations

Ballot Measure Debates: A discussion on two controversial Berkeley ballot measures kicked off the summer, moderated by Marion Taylor, president of the Bay Area League.

- The first hour the proposed “Sunshine” measure (Measure U) was discussed with Shirley Dean, former Mayor of Berkeley, speaking in support, and Linda Maio, Vice-Mayor and City Councilmember, speaking against.
- During the second hour the West Berkeley Amendment (Measure T) was discussed, with City Councilmember Gordon Wozniak speaking in favor and Patrick Sheahan, West Berkeley resident and business owner speaking in opposition.

The event was standing-room only with spirited discussion, from both the speakers and audience.

City Council Candidates: Our September meeting was lively with all seven Berkeley City Council candidates in contested districts offering their positions and answering questions, moderated by Marin County LWV member, Veda Flores.



Berkeley City Council Candidates square off.

Pros and Cons: In October 2012 we presented Pros and Cons for the November 2012 election, featuring State and County measures.

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Community Choice Energy: Tom Kelly of the Berkeley Climate Action Coalition was featured at the November conversation explaining and fielding questions about the topic.

Land Preservation: In December we heard from Jeff Stump of the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT) speaking about the Williamson Act (the California Land Conservation Act of 1965) and MALT activities. MALT has so far protected 32,000 acres of land on family farms.

A **Soda Tax** in Richmond was the topic of the March Conversation. Jeff Ritterman, a retired cardiologist and former Richmond city council-member, spoke.

Proposed Downtown Developments: In April Mark Rhoades, former Berkeley Planning Manager, reviewed two large scale projects proposed under the new Downtown Area Plan, which was approved by voters in 2010.

Albany Bulb: June talk summary on page 9.

Program Planning

At our annual Program Planning meeting in January, a good turnout of League members discussed what the state League's priorities should be for 2013-15 and whether the state League should do a new study. LWVBAE's recommendations were that LWVC should continue Climate Change as its top priority, that Health Care should be a second priority and that parts of the Natural Resource position should be updated. LWVBAE's priorities would be added to those of all the other Local Leagues to discover the top priorities of Leagues statewide. The resulting top priorities were presented and approved at State Convention. See story page 2.

Initiative and Referendum Study

In late February we held four meetings for the Initiative and Referendum Study jointly with Oakland. The members' policy recommendations were combined with the recommendations of all other participating Local Leagues. The resulting modified policy position was ratified at the State Convention in May.

Environmental Concerns

Carol Stone, Environmental Concerns Co-Chair

The Environmental Concerns speaker series, which meets the second Monday evening of each month, covered a stimulating suite of topics.

Agriculture: We began our program speaker series in September focusing on agriculture with speaker Dr. Glenda Humiston, the USDA's Rural Development Director for California. We had a unique opportunity to learn about the Farm Bill of 2012 as well as food and water issues, farm policy, food security, and organic farming.

Environmental Ballot Measures: In October we heard Pros and Cons of one county and two state measures. Helen Hutchison of the LWVC Board spoke in support of the Alameda County Knowland Park Zoo Parcel Tax and Jim Hanson of the California Native Plant Society spoke against it.

Ocean Acidification and Climate Change: Our November speaker was Jonathon Stillman of the Department of Biology UCSF, a specialist in marine biology, cell and molecular biology, and ecology and evolution.

At our December Appetizer and Dessert Pot Luck, Author Mary Ellen Hannibal spoke about her book the **Spine of the Continent** which envisions a chain of interconnected wildlife conservation preserves that would extend 5000 miles – from Alaska's Brooks Range into northern Mexico.

UN Climate Conference: In January, Andy Katz of the Sierra Club, gave us a first hand report of the 17th UN Climate Conference in Durban, South Africa. In a twist of injustice, Africans, who have contributed so little to the glut of greenhouse gases, are among those hardest hit by climate change.

Climate Reality Talk: February saw our own Gail Schickele give her first talk after training with the Climate Reality project, founded by former Vice President Al Gore. Her talk was illustrated by stunning photos.

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Raptors at Altamont Pass: For our Earth Week program in April Mike Lynes, Executive Director of Golden Gate Audubon, told us how Audubon's years of advocacy on behalf of raptors at the Altamont Pass wind farm are paying off — with a dramatic reduction in bird mortality there.

Cutting Carbon at UC: In May, Kira Stoll of the UC Office of Sustainability reported on the many campus programs that are reducing UC's carbon emissions and the wide range of sustainable practices UC has introduced in its buildings, dining halls and transportation system.

Communications Grows on Web

Nancy Bickel, 2012-2013 Communications Coordinator

The headlines from the Communications effort for 2012-2013 are:

- We built a new and lively website which we update frequently. See our new website at <http://www.lwvbae.org/>. Members and others now have an immediate source of the most recent news from local, regional, state and national levels of League, an easy way to check our calendar, read the *VOTER*, pay for events, and join or renew membership. The website welcomes everyone to learn about us and join us.
- When our able *VOTER* editor Fran Packard died in the fall, Diz Swift took over the job magnificently.
- We found that local press and news websites did cover our activities when we did newsworthy activities.
- We developed and continue to develop new electronic tools to streamline our work. We are converting our email, calendars and other functions to Google for Education, which will make it possible for us to work internally much more efficiently. These tools will also help us meet and cooperate with other organizations in the larger community and continue to increase our positive impact and visibility in the community.

Communications Help Needed!

Do you want the new communications efforts to continue and grow?

We warmly invite you to become part of a new Communications Team where tasks will be divided into do-able chunks or mini-tasks that can be done from your home computer or telephone in a few hours per week or month. The tasks could include: writing, editing, laying out or proof-reading articles for the *VOTER*, website, print and web press; writing and sending emails to members; making calls to members; posting events on our calendar.

Voter Services

Nancy Bickel, for 2012-2013 LWVBAE Board

In the absence of a Voter Services Coordinator, League members jumped in to do the work.

Pros & Cons and Easy Voter Guides: We researched, wrote and published in print and on the web local "Pros and Cons" on our many local ballot measures. We distributed to voters local "Pros and Cons" and "Easy Voter Guides" on state issues and candidates in both English and Spanish.

TV and Video: We produced panel discussions and two-minute spots for Berkeley candidates in contested local races which we cablecast on our local community cable channel BTv, Ch.33, and on our new YouTube channel. Some of our YouTube spots got many hundreds of viewings. People found them via SmartVoter.org, the league's nonpartisan election information website, and our other publicity. By the next election, two-minute spots from candidates will run directly on their own SmartVoter pages, as part of an up-dated SmartVoter.

Registration Forms: We distributed thousands of voter registration forms through boxes we maintain in public locations and at tabling events. We introduced voters to on-line registration.

Speakers Bureau: Leaguers' presentations of Pros and Cons to local groups were warmly welcomed.

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Our SmartVoter Coordinator Abigail Bok posted all of our local ballot measures and made sure that most of our local candidates provided their statements and information to the SmartVoter.org website where local voters could find unbiased election info right up to the moment they voted.

A new Voter Services Coordinator, Phyllis Gale, was elected at our 2013 Annual Meeting, so we expect to serve our three cities even better as the next election cycle begins next spring.

Membership Report

Dean Metzger, 2012-2013 Membership Coord.

After the election our attention turned to recruiting new members. We met with the Oakland League to explore how they recruited new members. Those meetings continue.

The Board approved a project in April 2013 for recruiting. All of you received a mailing asking for your help in this effort. It is too early to know the results, but please participate. In the next year we hope each of you will help recruit new members.

Special thanks to Mina Lou Jenner, Jane Coulter and the 2012-2013 Board members for their work on the Membership Committee.

We welcome all those who joined this past year.

2012

William Craig
Lori Droste
Curtis Karplus
Theresa Gerritz
Preston Jordan
Toni Mester
Maryan Gong
Mel Lavine
Michael Noel
James Novosel
Milton Schlesinger

Alan Tobey
Deborah Malbec

2013

Betty Ann Barnett
Carole Davis-Kennerly

2013, cont'd

Sue Ezekiel
Ruth Grimes
Kristin Homme
Alexandra Ellman
Melina Packard
Steven Packard
Susan Reneau
Margo Schueler
Charles Townes
Elisabeth Ross
Shari Rifas
Deborah Leveen
Connie Present
Barbara de Janvry
Barb Singleton
Abeydeh Viveros-Bunderas
Searle Whitney

Whither the "Albany Bulb"?

Carol Stone, 2012-2013 Program Coordinator

If you take Buchanan Street west across the freeway and continue west, you'll reach the "Albany Bulb", the west end of a landfill peninsula jutting out from the east shore into San Francisco Bay.



At a lively and well attended meeting we heard from Peggy Thomsen, the mayor of Albany, about the history of the Albany Bulb and the unanimous City Council vote to enforce the no camping ordinance starting this October and to provide \$30,000 for services to the displaced campers.

Patricia Jones, Executive Director of Citizens for East Shore Parks, described their vision – articulated by Sylvia McLaughlin – for a "necklace of shoreline parks". Incorporating the Albany Bulb into the regional park system is a key part of the plan.

Francisco Papalia was the first of two impassioned members of the Albany Homeless Task Force to speak about the plight of the homeless who live at the Bulb in makeshift campsites. Amber Whitson, who has lived at the Bulb for seven years, spoke eloquently about the needs of the homeless at the Bulb and her own wish to remain as a guardian of the future park. Albany has little low income housing; Alameda County has a three to five year waiting list for low-income housing.

A passionate but respectful question period followed, with an open exchange of competing views. Small groups continued the discussion after the meeting ended.

Lisa Garcia Bedolla

Turning Sometimes Voters into Regular Voters

Nancy Bickel, 2012-2013 Communications Coord.

Remarkable gains in turning “sometimes” voters into regular voters were achieved by some community groups in get-out-the-vote campaigns, reported Dr. Lisa Garcia Bedolla of the University of California Berkeley in her talk at our Annual Meeting, June 6. Among nine different community groups working over more than six elections, 2006-2008, Dr. Garcia observed improvements in voter turnout among registered voters who voted only occasionally from a few percent to up to 45%, compared with similar registered voters who were not contacted.

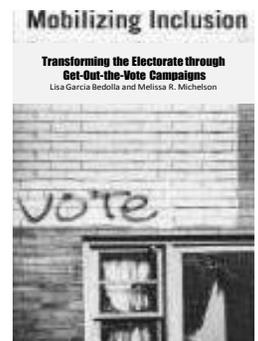
Dr. Garcia Bedolla and her co-author Melissa Michelson worked with nine Latino American, African American and Asian American community groups in California. They found that personal contact – through knocking on doors or by telephone by someone from the potential voter's own community and, where relevant, speaking the voter's native language – was very effective in persuading occasional voters to vote in the upcoming election – and in future elections – in other words, in turning them into regular voters.



Most effective of all were the groups who followed up with a second visit—at least one of these groups increased voting in the contacted group by 45% more than in the control group, that is, people in similar circumstances who were not contacted. Follow-up phone calls were also effective—with up to 10 percentage point effects—more than double that of a one-call phone bank and equivalent to a well-organized door to door effort.

Dr. Garcia Bedolla's most recent book (with Melissa Michelson) *Mobilizing Inclusion: Transforming the Electorate through Get-Out-*

the-Vote Campaigns (New Haven: Yale U. Press, 2012) describes this work. Her other award-winning work includes: *Latino Politics* and *Fluid Borders: Latino Power, Identity, and Politics in Los Angeles*.



Dr. Garcia Bedolla is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at UC Berkeley. She received her PhD from Yale University in Political Science and holds a BA from UC Berkeley in Latin American Studies and Comparative Literature. Her current research interests are primarily on civic engagement, community activity, and political incorporation of racial/ethnic groups in the United States, with a particular focus on the intersection of race, class, and gender.

Donations to Our League

May-June 2013

Louetta Erlin, Donations Secretary

To the LWVBAE General Fund

Karen Carlson-Olson

in memory of Evelyn Light

Almalee Henderson

Patricia Kates

Allie Norton

Jewel Okawachi

Susan Pownall

in memory of Fran Packard

Claudine Torfs

To the LWVB Foundation

Jean Allen

Cecile Briar

Lawrence Capitelli

Ann-Marie Hogan

Alice Kisch

in memory of Evelyn Light

Helene Lecar

Patricia Shanks

Many thanks for remembering our League.

League Foundation Elects Officers at Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Foundation met at their Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 13 and elected Ginette Polak President.

Other officers include Jane Bergen, Vice President; Jean Safir, Secretary-Treasurer; and Angharad Jones, Special Projects. Ora Huth, who was on the original Foundation Board when the Foundation was incorporated in 1992, is the current Board's fifth member.

Tom Coulter, outgoing Board Treasurer, has agreed to continue as a consultant to the Board on Treasurer tasks. Within the year, it is anticipated that the Foundation Board will begin to wind down its operations in a potential merger with the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville once the LWVBAE application to be designated a 501(c)(3) tax entity receives its anticipated approval by the Internal Revenue Service (see story page 3).

SAVE THE DATE!

September 25
Annual Fall Meeting
 Northbrae Community Center
 941 The Alameda, Berkeley
 5:15p – 8:30p



with distinguished speaker
Alex Briscoe

**Health Reform
 in Alameda County:
 The ACA and Beyond**

Mr. Briscoe is the Director for Alameda County Health Care Services, where he leads the design and development of health services countywide with an entrepreneurial and creative flare.

Making Democracy Work

Where Will You Put Your Energy?

Email Nancy *now* at president@lwwbae.org ; to let her know how you can help.

Will you join one of our new or continuing action committees? See Action articles on pages 4-6 for your options.

Watchdog City Council or School Board or a key Board or Commission in Emeryville, Albany or Berkeley? Alert the League to key upcoming issues and post brief on-line reports?

Much of this work can be done from home – by subscribing to agendas, watching meetings on TV or reviewing key portions of meetings when they are posted to City websites—instead of attending evening meetings.

Do you use some Google Apps? Mailchimp? Facebook? Twitter? Help us use these tools to support our work and make us more efficient.

Write, edit, or proofread for us a few hours a month? Our website, *VOTER*, email messages, and press releases need your expert touch.

Membership Report

Mina Jenner, Dues Coordinator

In May-June we welcomed six new members and we lost one longtime member.

New Members

Barbara de Janvry
 Kristin Homme
 Deborah Leveen
 Connie Present
 Shari Rifas
 Elisabeth Ross

Death

Gabrielle Morris

Correction for New Member

Betty Ann Barnett (*erroneously reported as Mary Ann Barnett in last VOTER issue*)

Please join us in welcoming our new members.

Board

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July

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| 12 | Fri | 1:30-3:30p | Civics Ed Team | J. Gardner | 548-5292 |
| 15 | Mon | 1:30-2:30p | Health Care | L. Wang | 848-5765 |
| 18 | Thurs | 5:30-7:30p | Measure M Public Meeting | D. Swift | 548-4808 |
| | | | South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St., Berkeley | | |
| 19 | Fri | 1:30-3:00p | Climate Change Team | R. Beatus | 524-6904 |

August

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|----|-------|-------------|---|------------|----------|
| 9 | Fri | 1:30-3:00p | Civics Ed Team | J. Gardner | 548-5292 |
| 14 | Weds | 2:30-4:30p | Climate Change Team | R. Beatus | 524-6904 |
| 15 | Thurs | 11:30-1:30p | LWVBAE Community Luncheon | | |
| | | | Hs. Lordships Restaurant Berkeley Marina, Berkeley | S. Smith | 548-1769 |
| 16 | Fri | 6:00p | VOTER Deadline | D. Swift | 548-4808 |
| 19 | Mon | 1:30-2:30p | Health Care | L. Wang | 848-5765 |