

The League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark, Union City



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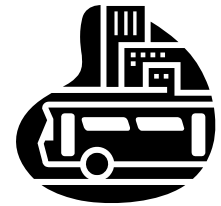
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Civic Engagement



LEARN ABOUT THE FREMONT GENERAL PLAN

Does Your Vision of the future of Fremont
match that of City Council members ?
What should be done with the NUMMI property?



SPEAKER: Dan Schoenholtz
Policy and Special Projects Manager
City of Fremont

Monday January 10, 7 pm
Fremont City Hall
Training Room across from Council lobby



For information about Bay Area League Day on January 29
See the flyer on page 4



Pres Message

This New Year is a time to celebrate the League's many accomplishments and look forward to more in 2011.

Thanks to all of our members who helped prepare voters for the November ballot measures and candidate selection by reaching out to community groups with one-to-one presentations, forums, distribution of Easy Voters, and the Voter Information Guide. Board members and Action and Education Committee members have kept us aware of local issues and guided our responses to elected boards when needed. Generous donors have helped fund these some of these efforts.

In 2011 we look forward to programs featuring topics of interest to our three communities. In January we will start off with a program designed to bring us up to date on the new General Plan for Fremont. With guidance from LWVUS we hope to start educating ourselves about the Federal Role in Education, Privatization and the Update on the Arms Control position. At the state level we will continue to follow implementation of redistricting reform that will now include the boundaries for the House of Representatives. The success of our B.A.R.T. tour has encouraged the board to try to plan another "field trip", this time to Sacramento. In this strained economy we will continue to follow the budget struggles facing our three cities and school districts.

We also will interview newly elected officials to keep in touch with their priorities and let them know ours. If

you would like to participate in any of these interviews, please let us know. The more the merrier!

We will also be selecting new members for our board this year. If you are interested in serving or sharing a role on the board, let Sam Neeman, our nominating chair know.

Hope to see you at the January 10th meeting!

Alex

Making the Ask Webinar

January 25 and February 4

During this private webinar for LWV California members, learn how to communicate in person and online in comfortable ways that motivate people to follow through, whether you are asking someone to join, donate, or vote. We'll work through practical, hands-on examples using real League scripts for voter service and advocacy, emails, flyers, and more.

Tuesday January 25 from 10 to 11am registration: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/273985968>

Friday February 4 from 3 to 4pm registration: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/838930601>

For more webinars, just visit the LWVC members only site, scroll down to "communications" and check out our "Training Webinars (recorded sessions about communications, e-newsletters, and writing for the Web)".

Jennifer "Jenny" Waggoner
LWVC Communications Director
communications@lwvc.org

LWVC Convention May 13-15, 2011 in Ventura
"Grow the Future"

Program Report December State Program Planning Meeting

League members celebrated the holiday season with a delicious potluck dinner at the home of Carolyn Hedgecock.

Following the dinner we discussed program planning for the League of Women Voters of California. After discussion of the current positions, we recommended League emphasis in the following areas:

Water: To support community and League education on water issues and water management

Education:
Community Education to get in compliance with State anti-bullying laws

Mental Health: Advocate for more training for law enforcement response to mental health calls.

We also are suggesting that LWVC conduct a prison study and a study regarding government reform.

Many thanks to Sets Amann, Martha Crowe, Andrea Schacter and Carolyn Hedgecock and all who attended who helped make this an enjoyable and educational evening.

Barbara Friedrich
Program Vice -President

VOTER REGISTRATION

Background:

The California Elections Code contains the statutes governing voter registration; the administration of elections is at the county level with the County Clerks or County Registrars of Voters. California laws are designed to encourage registration and to maintain it at the highest level. Citizens may register by mail or online, and they remain on the rolls

whether they exercise their right to vote or not. But since Americans are always on the move, they need reminders and assistance to keep their registration current.

That's where the League of Women Voters has always played an important role, one that has warm public support. League voter registration programs are a year-round activity, especially highly focused around the deadlines preceding elections.

The chair for voters service committee would like to thank the following League members for their services for 2010:

Ellen Culver for distributing voter registration forms to: Fremont City Hall/Fire Dept., Family Resource Center, Senior Center, Main Library, Adult Ed., Main Post Office, Warm Springs Community Center, Olive Hyde Community Center, Fremont USD., and Wyotech Trade School.

Kay Emanuele: Fremont Chamber of Commerce and Carlton Plaza.

Jean Holmes: Irvington Post Office, Community Center, & Library.

Miriam Keller: St. Joseph Church, Fremont Cultural Center, Centerville Community Center, & Merrill Gardens.

Marilyn Singer: Warm Springs Post Office, & Niles Post Office.

Alex Starr: Mission San Jose Post Office.

Barbara Friedrich: Union City City Hall, Kennedy Community Center, Ruggieri Senior Center, Union City Library, Union City Main Post Office, New Haven Education Center & Masonic Home.

Sets Amann: Holly Community Center, Union City Sports Complex, Union City Postal Annex, Newark USD.

Beth Templeton: Los Cerritos community Center, Centerville Library, Newark City Hall, Silliman Activity/Senior Center, Newark Library, * Newark Post Office.

Thank you to all the Committee Members for all their hard work.

If you are interested in helping, please contact **Sets Amann** at setsamann@pacbell.net or call 510-489-8096.

*The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area
Presents
Bay Area League Day 2011*

“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Taking it to the Next Level”

Saturday, January 29, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to
2:00 p.m.

MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland,
California

Featuring keynote speaker:

**Dan Reicher, Director of Energy and
Climate Initiatives at Google**

And three panel discussions addressing:

What Government Is Doing

California Energy Commission Programming
Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Former California Energy Commis-
sioner

Port Sustainability (Deconstruction, Cold Ironing, and
Asphalt Reuse)
Richard Sinkoff, Manager of Environmental Planning, Port
of Oakland

Municipal Waste Reduction Programming
John Stufflebean, Environmental Services Department Di-
rector, City of San Jose

What Science Is Doing

Water Recycling
Lori Steere, Water Recycling Program, East Bay Muni-
cipal Utilities District

Hydrogen and Other Alternative Fuels for Transit
Jaimie Levin, Director of Alternative Fuels Policy, AC
Transit

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
Bay Area Air Quality Management District

What We Can Do

Community Service, Recycling, and Secondary School
Students
Nate Ivy, Service Learning Waste Reduction Program of
Alameda County

Analyzing and Upgrading Home Energy Use
Karen Kho, StopWaste.Org (Waste Management and
Source Reduction/Recycling for Alameda County)

REGISTRATION FORM

The price of this year’s Bay Area League Day is \$30 (\$20 with-
out lunch) in advance or \$35 (\$25 without lunch) at the door. A
light breakfast will be served to all who attend. To register,
please write check payable to “LWVBA” and mail with this
form to 1611 Telegraph Ave., Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612.

Name: _____

Local League: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Registration is also available online through January 24
via PayPal at www.lwvbayarea.org.

For more details, call (510) 839-1608 or send an e-mail to edi-
tor@bayareamonitor.org.

**To carpool or join us on BART, contact Miriam Keller
(miriamkel@comcast.net)**

**Before sending in your registration.
LWVFNUC will pay your registration but not lunch.**



League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Purple Pipes Protect Potable Provisions By Gail Schickele

From the Bay Area Monitor

“The recycled water first question is always, ‘Are you going to make me drink it?’” quipped Lori Steere, recycling guru of the East Bay Municipal Utility District. “I quickly disabuse them of that notion. No, it is not a drinking water supply, but it is safe. It goes through an extensive treatment process that meets regulations and standards set by the state of California to protect people’s health. If recycled water gets ingested it has to be pure enough that people won’t get sick.”

So what is recycled water good for, if not drinking? In California, 46 percent of it goes to agricultural irrigation. The state’s next largest application, at 21 percent, is toward landscape irrigation and impoundment, followed by groundwater recharge (10 percent), recreational impoundment (6 percent), industrial use (5 percent), seawater barrier (5 percent), wildlife habitat (4 percent), and mixed use (3 percent).

According to the California Sustainability Alliance, there are significant benefits to increasing the use of recycled water over more energy-intensive options such as seawater desalination. These recycling benefits include enhanced water supply reliability, reduced discharges to and diversions from ecologically sensitive water bodies, and, because it frees up potable freshwater supplies, less treatment and storage of freshwater and wastewater.

EBMUD began its recycled water program in 1971 from basic approaches of water conservation, water recycling, voluntary transfers, offsite storage, and operational stability. The program saves on the amount of potable water used and helps offset water rationing during drought when its primary source, the Mokelumne River, is low. Signs of the program are hard to miss: separate pipes and hardware are painted purple and labeled “Recycled Water — Do Not Drink.”

“Our first customer was the Richmond Country Club from West County Wastewater District, which also serves our largest customer for recycled water, the Chevron refinery, which has been using recycled water for cooling towers since 1996,” Steere said.

“Water that’s fed into their boilers is meeting half their needs now and they average 11 to 12 million gallons per day, so on average this offsets 50,000 people’s demand for potable water every day. It’s great when you have large users like refineries or golf courses — single customers that use huge amounts of water.”

EBMUD provides water to 1.4 million customers in the East Bay. According to Steere, her agency has a 331-square-mile service area for drinking water and an 88-square-mile service area for wastewater. However, the wastewater service area contains about half the population of the entire service area, or about 650,000 people along the eastern shoreline of the Bay, spanning from southern Richmond down to Oakland and Alameda. In 2008, EBMUD’s customers used nearly 6 million gallons per day of recycled and raw water. The goal is to recycle 14 million gallons per day by 2020, more than 5 billion gallons annually.

“EBMUD has only one treatment plant” — the district’s Main Wastewater Treatment Plant in Oakland — “so in order to have an aggressive and comprehensive program we developed partnerships with agencies to treat the water,” Steere explained. According to *East Bay Water 08: A Status Report on Local Water Use and Water Supplies*, EBMUD partnered not only with the West County Wastewater District to recycle 4.7 million gallons per day, but also with the City of San Leandro (374,000 gallons per day) and the Dublin-San Ramon Services District (527,000 gallons per day). In EBMUD’s own wastewater service area, 45,600 gallons were recycled per day. From all of these efforts, the agency saved enough drinking water to serve about 35,000 people in fiscal year 2008.

California’s General Water Reuse Order authorizes municipal wastewater reuse by producers, distributors, and users of non-potable recycled wastewater throughout the region. The intent of the order is to streamline the permitting process and delegate the responsibility of administering water reuse programs to local agencies to the fullest extent possible. The result is that EBMUD holds a master permit from the state that allows them to oversee the monitoring and

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reporting required of all recycled water users.

Training manuals and forms are provided to help customers report observations to their sites. "We provide forms for self monitoring reports and ask customers to pay attention to what's happening on their site, and to avoid letting water go into storm drains, creeks, or aquatic sources," Steere said, "not because it's unsafe, but because there are disinfection agents that could be harmful to aquatic sources, so you must be careful."

For more information on EBMUD's recycled water projects, contact Lori Steere at (510) 287-1631.

For water recycling resources, visit the nonprofit WasteReuse Research Foundation at www.watereuse.org/foundation.

Be a Part of Historic Reform

After years of struggle, historic redistricting reform is becoming a reality. Eight members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission have already been chosen. They will select the remaining six members in meetings that begin November 30 and must be completed by December 31, 2010. All of the meetings are public, streamed live on the Internet and posted soon after the meetings in video archives. For the latest redistricting information and links go to CAvotes.org.

LWVC invites you to **join the Observer Corps and Media Watch teams** to help make this goal a reality. It's easy. Just sign up for the **Observer and Media Watch Report Webinar training** that will be held on January 12, 2011. The League's Observer Corps and Media Watch project is monitoring the process of the commission selection and will continue reporting on the commission's work during the mapping process in 2011. We're also monitoring the press coverage of this major government reform throughout the state. Once the maps are drawn, we'll issue a report card to California voters on how the process worked.

After you've taken the simple training, you can attend a public hearing in your region, or watch the hearings live via the Internet or on delayed broadcast video, and then file a report on CAvotes.org. Or keep an eye on the media coverage of the ongoing commission work and file a report on CAvotes.org. If your League is jumping into the exciting world of local redistricting, you will certainly want to take the training and use it to monitor the redistricting process in your community.

This is a great way for members to get involved in a project that doesn't demand a large time commitment and will make a real difference to California's future.

Community Discussion Sponsored by California Forward

California Forward is sponsoring community conversations about improving the systems and structures that run our state. They would like to invite and engage local leagues in these conversations. California Forward has developed materials to facilitate conversations and they have facilitators who may be available for community meetings set up by local Leagues.

LWVC supports the idea of community discussions but does not have the resources to support and coordinate another statewide project at this time. League members have unique, informed perspectives on how California's government should work, and this is an opportunity to set up thoughtful conversations in your communities.

If your League is interested in hosting an interactive presentation and discussion, contact Caroline Vance cvance@caforward.org.

Have you tried the new State League website

www.cavotes.org?

LWVUS

At the 2010 National Convention, three studies were authorized. The three studies are:

Update the LWVUS Arms Control Position, Study the Role of the Federal Government in Public Education, and The use of privatization of government functions.

Arms Control

On December 5, 2009, the bilateral Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, one of the cornerstone treaties intended to reduce and control the use of nuclear weapons expired. The Treaty entered into force in 1994 after being negotiated for much of the 1980s. The options for the signatories—the United States and Russia—were to allow the Treaty to expire, to extend it for five years so negotiations can continue or to adopt a new agreement this year.

With this backdrop the League of Women Voters of the United State decided it was appropriate to form a task force to review its 1983 Position on Arms Control for “relevance, usefulness, and practical application.” Despite all that has happened in the last 26 years, the Task Force finds the principles and language of the Position to be broadly applicable today. However, it anticipates suggesting some revisions over the coming months.

The LWVUS Arms Control Task Force is comprised of six at-large members: Ellen Z. Berg (Seattle, WA), Ralph Kuiper (Las Altos, CA), Ann Lakhdhir (Westport, CT), Lois Requist (Benicia, CA), W. Michael Slattery (Maribel, WI), and Donald J. Turner (Norcross, GA). The Task Force is advised by three LWVUS Board Members: Stephanie Johnson (chair, Arkansas), Judy Duffy (Minnesota), and Elisabeth MacNamara (Georgia).

***S.T.A.R.T TREATY WAS
RATIFIED BY CONGRESS!!!***

The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education. Scope of the study: The study on the federal role in pre-K through grade 12 public education is to be limited to issues of equity, funding and standards/assessment.

The Timeline: In Spring 2011, information will be provided to Local and State Leagues. In the Fall of 2011, Leagues are encouraged to participate in the study of the Role of Federal Government in Public Education by scheduling meetings to educate members and communities about the issue and come to consensus.

The Committee is Peggy Hill, Co-chair, Texas. Joanne Leavitt, Co-chair, California, Pat Aaron, Illinois, Gail Glick, Massachusetts, Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, Colorado, Patricia Libutti, New Jersey, Jean Pierce, Illinois, and Janelle Rivers (South Carolina).

The committee will begin with an overview of the history of the federal role and where it is today. They will then focus on the components of the Elementary and Secondary Education act which speaks to the equity issues. Finally, the committee will address the Common Core Standards and the subsequent assessment issues.

The 3rd study (privatization) is just getting started at the National level. Applications for a national committee were due Dec. 16.

LWVUS will undertake a study of “Privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services and assets to the private sector.” The study will focus on the impact of privatizing government services on local communities. Members of the committee will be responsible for developing study materials and consensus questions, and participating in reviewing/tabulating responses submitted by participating Leagues. Based on the submitted responses, the Committee will recommend position language to the Board.

Join the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Any person, man or woman, who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League may join.

To be a voting member, one must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen.

Annual dues includes membership in Local, Bay Area, California and National Leagues.

Make your check payable to: LWVFNUC and mail it with this form to:

LWVFNUC-MEMBERSHIP, P. O. Box 3218, Fremont, CA 94539

Individual Membership—\$60

Household—\$90

Donate to LWVFNUC \$ _____ Donate to Ed. Fund \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Dues and contributions to the League are not tax deductible. Contributions to the LWV Ed Fund are deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information or for confidential dues assistance, please contact: Andrea Schacter—schacter@pacbell.net.

Mission Statement

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

Diversity Policy

LWVFNUC affirms its commitment to reflect the diversity of our communities in our membership and actions. We believe diverse views are important for responsible decision making and seek to work with all people and groups who reflect our community diversity.

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NOTABLE PEOPLE IN HISTORY

THE MEN BEHIND THE WOMEN

Robert Purvis



Purvis was born in 1810 in Charleston, South Carolina. His mother, Harriet Judah was a free woman of color, the daughter of former slave Badaraka. His father was the English immigrant William Purvis. He told a reporter that his grandmother Badaraka had been kidnapped at age 12 from Morocco, transported to the colonies on a slave ship, and sold as a slave in Charleston. He described her as a full-blooded Moor: dark skinned with tightly curled hair.

William Purvis and Harriet Judah lived together as man and wife. The couple had three sons, William, Robert and Joseph.

As their father wanted his sons to be educated as gentlemen, Robert and Joseph Purvis both studied at Amherst College in Massachusetts.

In 1838, he drafted the “Appeal of Forty Thousand Citizens Threatened with Disfranchisement” which urged the appeal of a new state constitutional amendment disfranchising free African Americans. But Purvis was not successful in dissuading state legislatures from restricting African Americans’ political rights.

Purvis supported many progressive causes beyond abolition. He served as the first vice-president of the Woman’s Suffrage Society, when Lucretia Mott served as president. He also supported temperance and similar social issues. He believed in integrated groups working for greater progress for all.

By the end of the Civil War, and the emancipation of slaves, Purvis was in his late 50’s and became less active in political affairs.

—submitted by Vesta Wilson