



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

# VOTER

Voting

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Civic Engagement

## Bullying and its Effects

### A Panel Discussion and DVD presentation

Monday, May 23

7:00 pm

Centerville Junior High Gymnasium



Maine Project against Bullying "Brave Enough to be Kind" 2004

- 80% of adolescents report being bullied during their school years.
- 90% of 4th through 8th graders report being victims
- Up to 7% of 8th grade students stay home at least once a month because of bullies
- Bullies identified by age 8 are six times more likely to be convicted of a crime by age 24 and five times more likely than non-bullies to end up with serious criminal records by age 30.
- Students reported 71% of the teachers or other adults in the classroom ignored bullying incidents.



**Aggressive behavior is learned early and becomes resistant to change if it persists beyond age eight.**

#### Bullying can take on many forms

- Verbal bullying including derogatory comments and bad names.
- Bullying through social exclusion or isolation.
- Physical bullying such as hitting, kicking, shoving, and spitting.
- Bullying through lies and false rumors.
- Having money or other things taken or damaged by students who bully.
- Being threatened or being forced to do things by students who bully.
- Racial bullying.
- Sexual bullying.
- Cyber bullying (via cell phone or Internet)



### President's Report

As we come to the end of this League year we are happy to celebrate Syeda's nomination to the board of the League of Women Voters of California. She and Miriam will be our convention delegates and will represent us with enthusiasm. We still have one slot open so if you are interested, let me know.

When you receive the Call to Annual Meeting there will probably be changes to the bylaws for you to consider. Our suggestions are being reviewed by LWVC now. We hope that they will meet with your approval.

If you are interested in following the Redistricting process there will be a meeting in our area soon. We will send out an etree as soon as the date and time are fixed.

Take a look at our web site Home page. We are making some changes to allow you easier access to timely information. Along with the announcement of the May meeting there is also a calendar featuring significant women in the battle for women receiving the vote in California 100 years ago. There is also a link to our newly updated Guide to Government.

My thanks to the board this year for a superb job again!! I want to especially thank Martha Crowe for serving as our historian, I hope that this will be the first of many times that Martha will serve on our board. Her thoughtful comments and great support has been invaluable.

Alex

### Board Briefs

- approved small changes in bylaws
- reminded board to submit expenses
- approved May meeting on Bullying
- Miriam asked for critical review of VOTER

### Citizens Redistricting Commission

**Public Input Hearing**  
**Saturday, May 21, 2011**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**Frank Ogawa Plaza Oakland, CA 94612**  
**2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

The 14 member Independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission will hold a public input meeting in Oakland on May 21, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The Commission was created by California voters to draw state Congressional, Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization Districts.

Public participation in drawing these districts is critical to ensuring that communities have the strongest voice possible to express their preferences. When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable.

The Commission is taking testimony from local area residents before drawing its first round of draft maps which will be released in June. Final district maps must be certified by the Commission and presented to the Secretary of State by August 15, 2011.

Citizens wishing to provide testimony to the Commission can learn more about how to effectively present information by going to [www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov).

**Recovery Act Funding Fremont**

A presentation before the League of Women Voters on March 28, 2011

**Background for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)**

President Obama signed the \$787 Billion stimulus bill into law on 2/7/09.

\$355 Billion for transportation, infrastructure and construction, health care programs, education, and housing assistance, energy efficiency

\$144 Billion for state and local fiscal relief

\$288 Billion for personal and business tax credits

**Recovery Act Funding was delivered as**

Grants

Contracts

Loans

Tax Credits

**Use of AARA Funds in City of Fremont - \$3million**

Community Development Block Grant - Recovery (CDBG-R) - \$446,295

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) -\$682,331

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant - \$1,891,000

**Fremont Funded as Sub Recipient through Alameda County - \$489,213**

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Alameda Co.) - \$260,725

TANF Emergency Contingency Funds (Alameda Co.) - \$125,000

Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Program - \$103,488

**Fremont Funded as Prime Recipient through the State - \$6.7 million**

Highway Infrastructure (Caltrans) - \$6.7 million

**Total Funding Received by Fremont - \$10.4 million****Other Recovery Act Funding Received in Fremont**

Solyndra - \$535 million loan guarantee to build a solar panel manufacturing plant in Fremont.

Fremont received guidance from the Federal Office of Management and Budget for the application and reporting requirements.

**Use of AARA Funds in Non-profits**

Shelter and Emergency services

Transitional & Permanent housing

Support Services

2300 Served last year, 650 children

Goal: 1000 new homes      Progress: 820 homes to date!

**American Reinvestment & Recovery Act Funding (ARRA)****\$20,854,000 in ARRA funding:**

- Affordable Housing Development
- Rapidly re-housing homeless households
- Employment services for CalWorks families
- Capital energy efficiency project

**Afordable Housing Development**

- Amount: \$16,800,000
- What: Tax Credit Augmentation Program (TCAP)
- Outcomes:
  - 64 homes for special needs population
  - Construction jobs

**Rapid Re-housing**

- Amount: \$3,825,000
- What: Homeless Prevention and Rapid re-housing Program (HPRP)
- Outcomes: Abode Services will rehouse 550 homeless households

**Employment services**

- Amount \$150,000
- What: ARRA funding to assist CalWorks head of households with work experience placement.
- Outcomes: Addition 100 adults place in work experience.

**Energy Efficiency Project**

- Amount \$79,000
- What: Retrofitting of the central hot water at Sunrise Village Homeless Shelter system to a solar pre-heat system.
- Outcomes:
  - 50% to 75% reduction in the amount of energy used to heat hot water
  - Annual operating costs reduced.
  - Jobs

**Use of AARA Funds in City of Newark**

In 2009, the City was directly awarded \$900,000 for local streets. This money was combined with local gas tax money to complete our annual street resurfacing projects. The City also received \$173,000 for energy efficiency projects. We used some of the money to replace aging HVAC equipment at our Community Center in 2010 and we will be installing two solar powered path lights around the Newark Lake this year. We also received \$93,000 in law enforcement funding that was used to partially fund a patrol officer position in 2010. All of this was one-time funding and it has been expended.

**Use of AARA Funds in Fremont Unified School District (FUSD)**

- 42 Schools
  - 28 elementary (k-6) 5 junior highs (7-8), 6 high schools (9-12) --1 independent study, 1 pre-school, 1 adult school, 1 charter school
- serves over 32,000 k-12 students, 14,000 adult students & over 250 pre-school students

**American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

- Commonly referred to as the stimulus or the Recovery Act, is an economic stimulus package enacted by the 111<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress in Feb. 2009
- The stimulus was intended to create jobs and promote investment and consumer spending during the recession.

**ARRA \$787 Billion. How much did FUSD get?**

\$30,661,873 out of \$786,969,338,000 or .127%

**FUSD's Total Federal Stimulus Funds \$30,661,873**

General Purpose:	\$10,236,057
SFSF Categorical:	\$4,168,041
SFSF Tier III Categorical	\$1,142,325
IDEA:	\$8,125,150
Jobs Bill:	\$5,990,300

**General Purpose: \$10,236,057**

- COIL \$83,528
- Employee salaries & benefits \$8,341,068 – 2008/09 School Year
- Remaining funds \$1,808, 461 – must be spent by Sept. 2011

**SFSF Categorical: \$4,168,041**

- librarians and library media tech \$1,094,989 – 50% for 10/11 school year
- counselors \$594,783 – 6 for 10/11 school year
- staff & curriculum development & collaboration \$157,350
- technology \$437,553 – improvements to bandwidth and email

**Capital projects \$1,883,366**

- MSJHS Special Ed and regular classrooms
- Glankler Pre-school Special Ed wing
- Hirsch Special Ed play structure
- Native American Studies classroom and museum

*State matching funds for Capital Projects \$1,960,684*

**SFSF Tier III Categorical \$2,142,325**

- Counselors
- Class size reduction
- Professional Development
- School Safety & Violence Prevention

**ARRA Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) \$8,125,150**

- Intensive Intervention
- Preschool
- Homeless Assistance
- Local Assistance \$5,480,631

**ARRA, IDEA Local \$5,480,631**

- FUSD considered significantly "Disproportionate" in special ed identification (asian)
- Staff \$2,415,000
  - paraeducators, response to intervention teachers (RTI), math coach, behaviorist
- Professional Development \$272,000
  - GLAD, math, autism, parent
- Materials \$1,688,000
  - Books, technology software, materials

**ARRA Jobs Bill \$5,990,300**

- New money this year
- BOE has only allocated \$314,522 for teachers & paraeducators to reduce/assist combination classes in 10/11 school year
- \$5,675,768 in funds must be spent by Sept. 30, 2012
  - will assist in mitigating continuing cuts from State

**Total Federal Stimulus Funds**

Staffing	87%	Capital	6%	Materials	7%
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**Programs Essential to Continue \$2,539,772**

- Librarians & library media technicians      social worker
- Counselors      behaviorist
- 8 RTI teachers      .6 AVID teacher
- math coach

**FUSD & ARRA**

Federal stimulus funds greatly helped our district

- save jobs
- improve buildings & play spaces
- add much needed programs for our at-risk students

**Use of AARA Funds in City of Union City****American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

- Economic Stimulus Package enacted by the United States Congress in Feb. 2009 (\$787 billion).
- Major Goals
  - Create new jobs and save existing ones
  - Spur economic activity and invest in long-term growth
  - Foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending
- Includes infrastructure development and enhancement
  - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Research and investment (\$27.2 billion).
  - Housing (\$14.7 billion).

**ARRA Funds in Union City**

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) \$638,200
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) \$172,899
- COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) \$1,494,992

**Total Grants Received \$2,206,091**

**Use of EECBG Funds in Union City**

- Climate Action Plan
- Energy Audit of Municipal Buildings
- Energy Retrofit of Municipal Buildings
- Energy Upgrade California
- California Youth Energy Services
- Sustainability Coordinator

**Climate Action Plan**

- *Preparation of Climate Action Plan and Related Environmental Clearance - \$253,000*

The Climate Action Plan (CAP) is a blueprint for reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emission 20% below 2005 levels by the year 2020.

CAP prepared by consulting firm, AECOM

Included a community-based team; met monthly

Adopted by City Council on October 26, 2010.

**Energy Audit**

- *Stopwaste.Org Pass-through for Countywide Energy-Efficiency Retrofit Program - \$25,200*

An audit conducted to identify cost-effective energy-efficiency upgrade opportunities for municipal buildings. City Hall/Police Department, Library, Senior Center & Community Centers, Union City Sports Center, and Corporation Yard.

- Audit conducted by Chevron Energy Services

## Energy Retrofits

- *Energy Retrofits of Municipal Buildings - \$211,000*

City Council authorizes top-priority retrofit work identified in the Energy Audit - \$4.82 million  
EECBG funds (\$211,000) were contributed towards:

Central Plant Retrofit

Police Station smaller chiller

Build America Bond Lease Agreement will finance City's Energy Conservation Measures Project - \$4.82 million

## Energy Upgrade California

- *Stopwaste.Org Pass-through for Countywide Energy-Efficiency Retrofit Program - \$25,000*

Energy Upgrade California focuses on stimulating demand and strengthening the infrastructure for retrofits of existing residential and small commercial buildings.

Developed energy and water retrofit standards for single-family residences, marketing materials, and training for local contractors and staff.

## California Youth Energy Coordinator

- *California Youth Energy Services (CYES) - \$70,000*

CYES is a program offered by Rising Sun Energy Center, a Bay Area non-profit.

Funding in part by PG&E and ACWD.

Hires and trains local youth to conduct residential energy and water conservation audits free-of-charge throughout the summer.

Installs fluorescent light bulbs and low-flow shower heads free-of-charge

## Sustainability Coordinator

- *Sustainability Coordinator - \$102,000*
  - The Sustainability Coordinator will develop programs and undertake the tracking and reporting necessary to implement the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP).
  - The Sustainability Coordinator will work closely with Planning, Public Works, and City Manager's Office staff to implement the CAP.
  - 18-month-period position.

## Use of CDBG-R Funds in Union City

- *Housing Rehabilitation/Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Program - \$172,89*

Augments City's existing Housing Rehabilitation Program

Housing rehabilitation projects including energy efficiency measures

Replacement of old and inefficient heating systems & ducts

Replacing old and inefficient light fixtures & windows



## A BAY AREA PLAN

### From the Bay Area Monitor Editor

Standing at 7,350,000 today, this region's population is predicted to rise to 9,430,000 by 2035. This increase will have an enormous impact on the demand for housing and transportation; consequently, some serious planning must happen right now. And for the planning to be successful, local governments and Bay Area residents will have to get involved.

They are being asked to do so by attending upcoming meetings held throughout the region on behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments. The two agencies have recently released a proposal for accommodating regional growth entitled the *Initial Vision Scenario* that they hope will help advance dialogue at the meetings. These meetings will serve as a critical step toward the eventual adoption in 2013 of *Plan Bay Area* — a serious plan if there ever was one.

An integrated land use and transportation plan for the whole Bay Area is being produced with four agencies “collaborating at an unprecedented level.” These agencies—Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)—are working with their “equal partners” in the nine counties and 101 cities and towns in the region.

This is an opportunity for every local League to get involved, help educate the public, and monitor the planning process. Workshops in each county will take place in April and May. Find your workshop below and join the process to plan the future of the Bay Area in a way that will achieve our greenhouse gas reduction targets. There will be an opportunity to participate in interactive computer modeling with various scenarios.

### Alameda County\*

**Thursday, May 19, 2011, 5:30-8:30 p.m.,** David Brower Center, 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley

\*Meeting cosponsored with Envision Bay Area, a group of nonprofits who are working to promote public participation on Plan Bay Area.

For more information see:

[http://www.onebayarea.org/plan\\_bay\\_area/](http://www.onebayarea.org/plan_bay_area/)

## LWVBA CALL TO COUNCIL

LWVBA Council Saturday, May 21, 2011, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., San Francisco Main Library (at BART Civic Center station).

The Council shall be composed of the directors of the LWVBA and two delegates from each local League, other non-voting members may also attend at the per League cost.

The Council shall give guidance to the board on program, methods of operation and budget as submitted by the board. The Council will adopt a budget for the fiscal year.

Registration: \$10 per League (no extra charge for additional attendees.) Payment MUST be made in advance: please send a \$10 check per League payable to LWVBA to: Christine Wise, 148 Best Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577.

Please make reservations by Friday, May 13, 2011.

## Help Support the Bay Area Monitor

Launched in 1975, the *Bay Area Monitor* will turn 36 years old this May—An impressive run for any publication. How much longer it can continue this run, however, remains an open question.

The economic downturn of the past few years has strained everyone. The *Monitor* has been no exception. Having always operated on a modest budget, the publication has had to make do with less in these lean times.

Despite this challenge, the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area intends to continue producing the *Monitor* for the benefit of readers throughout the nine-county region. After all, staying informed about policy is of vital importance to these readers.

To help support the *Monitor* send your tax deductible donation to LWVBA Education Fund at 1611 Telegraph Ave., Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612 or click on “Donate” at [www.bayareamonitor.org](http://www.bayareamonitor.org).

Dear League Members:

I need to share with you some very important developments at the state League.

This past year has presented significant financial challenges. The large grant from the Irvine foundation that supported the Easy Voter Guide Project for the past two years ended this spring, with no clear indication of whether it would be renewed after a hiatus. That grant had been cushioning us from a decline in donations caused by the recession. Our executive director—who was responsible for the League's fundraising efforts—left last December. In putting together the budget for the next fiscal year, the board was faced with the reality that we do not have the income to support our existing operations.

The Easy Voter Guide Project (EVGP) has played a prominent role in the League's voter service and outreach efforts in recent years, and the board has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to the EVGP as a League project. However, there have been concerns about our ability to manage it. The board recently authorized a working group to explore what would be needed for the LWVCEF to continue managing the project. The group concluded that we do not have the necessary organizational capacity to successfully govern or staff the EVGP at this time and recommended that we suspend new work on the EVGP after a summer 2011 special election. The board approved the working group's recommendation, with reluctance.

The state League strongly believes in the Easy Voter Guide Project and its mission, and we want to make it clear that we are not abandoning it. The working group made a package of recommendations that was approved by the board, of which the suspension of new work on the EVGP was only a part. An operational model and policies and procedures will be developed to enable the EVGP to operate successfully, whether it is the League or another entity that ulti-

mately will be its home. The working group also recommended that the board commit to building the governance capacity necessary for the LWVCEF to successfully handle large projects like the EVGP. For the present, we are open to considering a different relationship with the project, such as being a partner to a project managed by another organization. We want local Leagues to continue using the EVG as a tool for community outreach and voter education. The board is committed to fostering a robust EVGP, whatever the future relationship between the LWVCEF and the project turns out to be. At a minimum, we want the League to continue being a vital part of the EVGP partner network.

Our EVGP decision and budget realities mean that we need to restructure operations. That means that by July 1, 2011, we must reduce our staff and realign job responsibilities. The Grassroots Coordinator position will be eliminated, and the Communications Manager position will be reduced to half-time. This is a painful step. We appreciate our employees and their commitment to our work. No one wants to eliminate a job or reduce hours. But as a board, we have an obligation to effectively manage the League's assets and secure adequate resources for the organization to fulfill its mission and secure a viable, strong future.

The restructuring reflects the board's priorities of keeping the state office functioning, continuing to provide necessary services to local Leagues, and positioning the organization for long-term growth and success. The need for stable and diverse funding is critical to the League's survival, so we have decided to make fundraising a top priority. We are recruiting for an executive director with strong fundraising skills, and also creating a planned giving program. Both of these are essential to our current financial health and our ability to rebuild in the future.

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**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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What does this mean for local Leagues and League members? We will have less money and a smaller staff. While we will strive to maintain service to local Leagues, there will be an impact. We need to explore alternatives such as more use of volunteers and interns. You can expect us to make increasing use of the League's Web sites and other methods that will let us communicate in a more cost-efficient way. There will be other impacts and adjustments that we don't know about at this time.

The League is facing a dilemma similar to the budget problems with which California has had to deal. Declining revenues mean we do not currently have the resources to do everything we want to do, or even to maintain our operations at current levels. But we are not going to "kick the can down the road" by postponing hard decisions or coming up with smoke-and-mirrors solutions to disguise the problems.

We owe it to the League, to our local leaders, and to all our members across the state, to face our problems forthrightly and to come up with realistic strategies and solutions to deal with them. We need your support as we move forward through this challenging period.

Janis R. Hirohama, *President*  
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P.S. There will be an open meeting at the convention where you can talk with state board members about these issues and bring up questions and concerns. The Budget Q&A at convention will also give you an opportunity to find out more about the budget issues facing the League

## LWVUS Study

**Privatization Study:** The LWVUS Board approved the following as the scope for this study: "The purpose of this study is to identify those parameters and policy issues to be considered in connection with proposals to transfer federal, state or local government services, assets and/or functions to the private sector. It will review the stated goals and the community impact of such transfers, and identify strategies to ensure transparency, accountability and preservation of the common good." The Study Committee will be developing resource materials and preparing consensus questions, to be available in late fall 2011. Local Leagues will have from late fall 2011 until early spring 2012 to complete their study and take consensus.

The LWVUS Privatization Study was instigated by LWV Seattle. [Click here](#) to take a look at their 2009 study.

## LWVUS Study

**Education Study:** The LWVUS Board has approved the consensus questions for the Education Study. Beginning this month, supporting research information will be posted on the LWVUS website, followed by posting of the consensus questions, a Leaders Guide and additional short papers. These will be announced in upcoming Leaders' Updates. The deadline for completing consensus by local Leagues will be the end of November 2011. A webinar, "The ABCs of Doing a National Study," is scheduled for April 21st at 3 pm Eastern Time. Or see past webinar's on LWV website.

Click the links below for Education background papers:

- [Funding and Equity Issues](#)
- [Early Childhood Education, Equity and Funding](#)
- [Role Of Federal Government In Public Education: Historical Perspectives](#)

## CALENDAR

Thurs., May 5	Action Committee	12:00 pm	Kay Emanuele's home
Mon., May 9	LWV Board Meeting	1:00 pm	League Office
Tues., May 10	Education Committee	9:30 am	Miriam Keller's home
Sun., May 15	Voter Deadline	Midnight	
Mon., May 23	General Meeting <i>Bullying &amp; its Effects</i>	7:00 pm	Centerville Jr. Hi Gymnasium
Sat., June 4	LWVFNUC Annual Meeting	8:30 to 11:00 AM	Sweet Tomatoes