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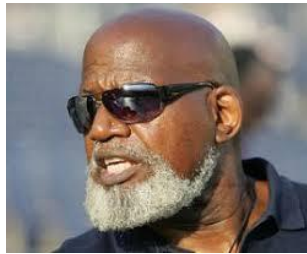
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FREMONT, NEWARK & UNION CITY

May/June 2018

LWVFNUC Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9:00 AM
Dominican Sisters, Mission Blvd
Breakfast, Speaker, Annual Meeting



Dr. Harry Edwards
Emeritus Professor of Sociology UC Berkeley
Civic Activist

“...silence has been evil’s greatest and most consistently dependable ally.”

Organizing protest and demonstration at the 1968 Olympics with the Black Power salute at Mexico City.

Developed Minority Coaches Internship and Outreach Program with Coach Bill Walsh

Worked with Commissioner of Major League Baseball to help increase representation of minorities and women in baseball

Worked with Golden State Warriors specializing in player personnel counseling and programs

RENEW NOW!

Renew before the Annual Meeting and you will be eligible for the drawing of a free membership for 2019-2020 League year. Join online at lwvfnuc.org or use this *VOTER’S* last page



Monday, May 14th, 7:00 PM
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont

Please join us for a discussion of the state and local propositions on the June 2018 Primary Ballot.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear League Members,

Another election season is upon us with the upcoming Statewide primaries on June 5th. If you know people who have not yet registered to vote, please have them contact us for an affidavit form; alternatively, people can **also register to vote online at the Secretary of State's website: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>**.

The deadline to register to vote is May 21, 2018. If you happen to miss that deadline, you can still register to vote on a conditional basis. Visit the California Secretary of State's website for more information.

If you want more in-depth analysis of candidates and issues, be sure to check out VotersEdge.org. This website is a partnership between Maplight and LWV- California. The website provides information on who is funding what ballot measure (and for how much); this financial information provides some fascinating insight into the reasons behind a ballot measure. VotersEdge.org is a valuable resource and we hope you fully utilize it to make informed choices.

On May 14th, we will be holding a pros/cons for ballot measures at the Fremont Main Library. Please check our website at lwvfnuc.org for updated information

Also coming up is our annual meeting on June 9th at 9:00 am. We are very honored to have **Dr. Harry Edwards** as our speaker! The breakfast and speaker portion will precede our formal membership meeting. Dr. Edwards is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at UC Berkeley as well as a civil rights activist. He's also an excellent speaker and so you won't want to miss this event!

We will be gearing up for the November elections with candidate forums and more pros/cons presentations after the Summer break. Meanwhile, we are inspired by youth activists, including many in our Tri-City area, who are taking up the cause of gun violence prevention. LWV-US has started offering free student memberships to support youth activism. Our Board is working towards formal procedures to provide no cost student memberships and mentor students to engage in the community and amplify their voices.

Do contact us without your questions/comments and join us in making Democracy work!

In League,

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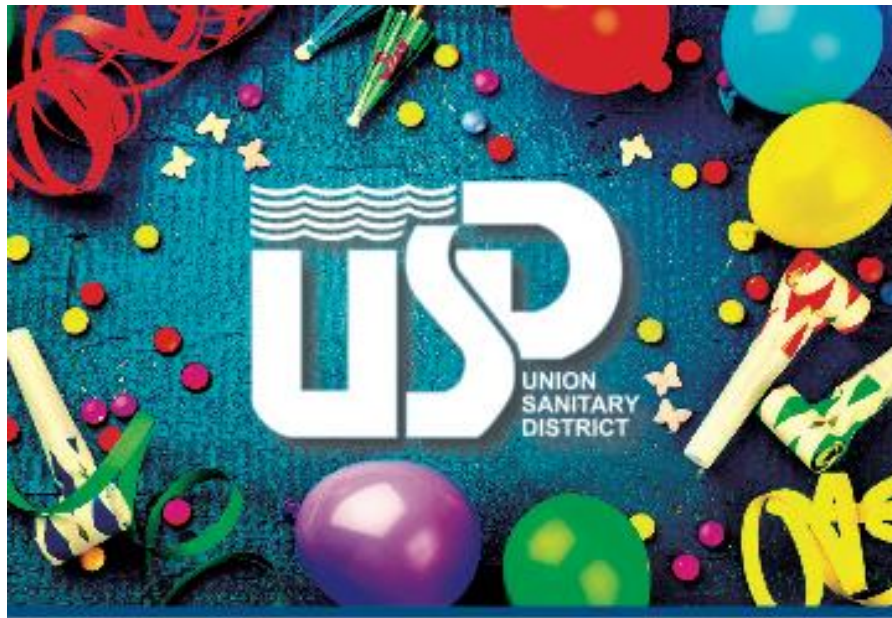
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JOIN OUR 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT USD's
CENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

- ◆ Plant Tours ◆ Kid-Friendly Activities ◆
- ◆ Demonstrations ◆ Displays ◆ Giveaways ◆
- ◆ Refreshments ◆

You're Invited – Join the Fun!

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Union Sanitary District is celebrating its 100th Birthday with a free Centennial Open House event for the Tri-City community from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2018, and we invite League of Women Voters members, families, and friends to join the festivities. Attached is a flyer with additional information and directions to our facility - feel free to share it far and wide, or request printed versions if desired. We also have it listed as an event on [USD's Facebook page](#) – feel free to share on social media as well.

The free event will feature displays and interactive demonstrations, family-friendly

activities, plant tours, giveaways, games, and refreshments. It's also a great opportunity for students of all ages to meet our engineers, chemists, mechanics, electricians, and many other staff members to learn about careers that help protect public health and the environment. If our guests want to tour the plant, closed-toed, low-heeled shoes are required.

USD is honored to be a part of the history and daily life of the Tri-Cities, and we're excited to share our birthday celebration with the League of Women Voters.

VOTING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Missed the May 21 voter registration deadline? You can still vote in this election!

To register up to and on Election Day, go to your [county elections office](#) or another designated location, and complete three simple steps:

1. Register to vote.
2. Vote.
3. Seal your ballot in the provided envelope, and sign it.

This is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) or Same-Day Registration. Your vote will be counted after elections officials verify your voter registration and confirm that you have not already voted in this election. [Read more.](#)

Learn more details about the statewide ballot measures in our [Pros and Cons](#).

View your entire ballot by entering your address on [Voter's Edge California](#).

LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Parkland Voter Movement

Goal: To support the (pre)registration of teens (16-19) to vote, encourage teens to register others and finally inspire all to vote. This nonpartisan effort is supported by organizations such as the League of Women Voters. This project is inspired by the youth of Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS (and others) whose numerous voices have been silenced, informed and amplified.

From new League member and Parkland Voter Movement supporter Corrine Hansen: My focus has been to raise awareness of the High School Voter Education Weeks program which authorizes schools to designate **students** as "**voter outreach coordinators**" to lead registration drives and other school activities aimed at civic engagement in the schools. Although this program has been authorized for about four years, few California high schools had implemented it. Most of the public didn't know about it, and students didn't know they had a right to ask for it at their schools.

There is new online registration capability offered on our California Secretary of State's website that can be used by all of our 58

counties to pre-register, register and check voter status very easily.

My outreach has been to civic minded groups and individuals, including various Bay Area League branches and grassroots organizations. This information was then shared through their networks to different counties across our state.

Gradually people (mainly adults) started learning about the High School Voter Education program, but weren't quite sure how to get the schools to implement it. Then the gun control movement started and students began looking for ways to get ready to vote. The information supported the student's right to register to vote in their school environment. Then I met Julie Dunkle and her Parkland Voter Movement project dovetailed right into what I had been working on, so I provided information to her. Of course, she then ran with it and everything took off!! She is super amazing with her ability to recruit, organize and support these efforts. We need to clone her!

Editor's Note: check out the FUSD's video, Community Conversation, that features Fremont students talking about their efforts to register students. A link to it is on our Home Page.

ACTION GROUP

Legislative interviews with Assemblyman Chu and Senator Wieckowski. Annually LWVC asks each League to interview their Assembly and Senate representatives. The state League gives us a set of questions for the interview. LWVC uses the answers to identify potential supporters or opponents of legislation. We coordinate with other Leagues that share elected representatives with us

The questions asked of our elected representatives include those about bail money reform, CEQA reform, sea level rise and affordable housing.

Highlights of interview with Assemblymember Chu:

- Supports reform of money bail system
- CEQA & Affordable Housing - Sees need for regional solutions since impacts are not just local; sees need for public/private partnerships; sees need for more funding along with accountability. Must link housing and transportation solutions. Close Prop 13 loopholes to aid education.

Highlights of interview with Senator Wieckowski:

- Supports SB10 - money bail reform - risk assessment based release system
- CEQA not the problem delaying development; cites Endangered Species, Act, water quality issues, Clean Air Act and local zoning. State should work with

local governments to lessen the housing crisis.

- Supports SB2 - \$75 transaction fee for affordable housing fund
- Sea level rise needs a regional solution so that science-based solutions can be followed. Supports Cap and Trade that allows for adaptation and resiliency.
- Supports SB298 - Bank levy bill - addressed creditors and judgements against low income people
- Supports SB16 - Student loan garnishment - adjusts interest amount for parity
- Support sharing gun information with other states. UC Davis is doing studies about gun issues.

Observers:

Observers are our watchdogs. They alert us to possible violations of the Brown Act, let us know when elected officials are doing their jobs for their constituents, and alert us to possible important issues in the future. We always need more observers. One important point - observers do not testify on behalf of the League. They do identify themselves as League observers by wearing a League button and often introduce themselves initially to the group they are observing. Here is a partial list of our observers:

Alice Johnson observes Union Sanitary district meetings. Gayle Tupper observes ACWD meetings. Miriam Keller observes FUSD and Joy Hurst observes Newark USD

MAKE IT FAIR - CAMPAIGN TO REFORM PROP 13

Members of LWVFNUC have stepped up to collect signatures to place "The California Schools and Local Funding Act of 2018" on the 2020 November ballot. This initiative will ask voters to modify Prop 13 so that large commercial and industrial properties will be reassessed on a regular basis to generate money to finance schools and other local services. It will enable CA, which is currently 41st in the nation in school funding, to regain our superior school system. Prop 13 changes will not apply to residential or small business properties.

Twenty-seven League members took petitions to collect signatures, and completed pages are beginning to filter in

and are being forwarded to the State League. We have more sheets available, and signatures can be collected until the end of May. Each sheet contains 8 spaces for signatures. If you can do one or more pages, contact Marilyn Singer at singer756@comcast.net, and she will deliver the number you request. We have returned 47 completed ones so far.

This is our chance to do something about Prop 13. Please make this an all-out effort.

Editor's Note: Our League was cited by LWVC President Helen Hutchison as one of the leaders in returning signed forms!!!

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

RECOMMENDS

June 5, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

PROP 68

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act - YES

This measure would authorize California to issue general obligation bonds, with the money used to finance state and local parks, water conservation measures, water reliability to disadvantaged communities, and flood protection projects. California parks provide

open space and recreation, improving health and community well-being. The water projects funded by this bond are forward thinking and are a key part of our state response to climate change.

Vote YES on Prop 68.

PROP 69 Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes - YES

If passed, this constitutional amendment would ensure that the existing transportation revenues we pay at the pump and when we register our vehicles can ONLY be used for road and transportation improvement projects. This amendment protects these transportation funds by prohibiting the state legislature from using these revenues for non-transportation purposes.

Prop 69 protects existing taxes and fees we are already paying. It does not raise taxes one cent. The League supports measures to ensure adequate revenue to support needed services, including safe roads and good public transportation.

Vote YES on Prop 69.

PROP 70 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund - NO

This measure would add a requirement that two thirds of legislators approve the first appropriation of any money collected from the sale by CARB (California Air Resources Board) of cap-and-trade allowances after 2024. At a

time that we need efficient and effective investments in climate change solutions, this requirement could lead to deadlocks, inefficiency, and poor decisions.

Vote NO on Prop 70.

PROP 71 Effective Date of Initiatives YES

Currently, an initiative that is approved takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise. Election results are not officially certified until five weeks after the election. While most election results are clear

shortly after Election Day, that is not always the case. Prop 71 would provide that an initiative would take effect five days after the Secretary of State certifies the election results.

Vote YES on Prop 71.

PROP 72 Property taxation: new construction: rain water capture system - YES

This measure would allow an exclusion from additional property taxes for construction or installation of rain water capture systems. These systems capture, store, and use otherwise wasted rain water for landscape irrigation and similar

uses, saving more conventional water for personal use. With traditional water sources becoming less dependable, this is one more way we can diversify sources of usable water.

Vote YES on Prop 72.

Mon. May 14th	Pros & Cons	7:00 PM Frmont Main Library 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
Mon. May 21st	Parkland Voter Movement Voter Registration Drive <i>(Need Volunteers)</i>	8:00 AM – 3:15 PM Mission San Jose High School
Thurs. May 24th	Action Group	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM League Office 3375 Country Drive
Sat June 9th	Annual Meeting	9:00 AM Dominican Sisters, Mission Blvd

ALL MEETINGS ARE FREE, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE

Mission

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.

Join the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TODAY!

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. Members under 18, or non-citizens, are welcome as non-voting Associate Members. Dues include membership in LWVFNUC, Bay Area League, and the California and National Leagues. Financial support for dues is available through our scholarship program. Contact Evelyn La Torre, Membership Chair, for information.

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