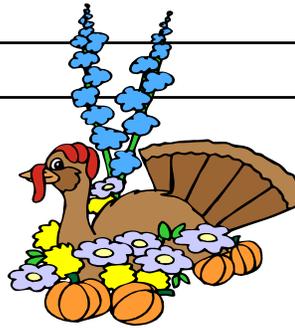


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Happy Thanksgiving



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FREMONT, NEWARK AND UNION CITY Presents
6:30 PM—7:30 PM

A Consensus Meeting for Alameda County Council of Leagues Position:
Should Alameda County have an
elected or appointed Superintendent of Schools?

Would it make a difference if we had an appointed County Superintendent of Schools?

7:30 PM—8:30 PM

Edward C. Hartman

Author of *The Population Fix*

Breaking American Addiction to Population Growth

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"ONE BILLION AMERICANS"

November 27, 2006

6:30 PM

Fremont Main Library, Fremont





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Most of our city councils, school boards and agencies know how to run a meeting that follows procedures and is orderly and civil. But there are times when that is not the case. The October meeting of the Ohlone College Board was one such instance. The observer was stunned by the decorum of the meeting when the faculty senate, and several unions presented resolutions calling for the resignation of Bob Brunton as president of the Board and even his resignation from the Board. Many, many people from those groups got up and talked about why they felt like that. It went on and on for several hours with much clapping by the audience. Then the Board started discussing what they were going to do. But members of the audience kept getting up and making more comments. At no time were they asked to stop, that the public hearing was over. In fact, the presiding member kept looking at people in the audience as if he needed their affirmation in order to continue.

We expect more from our elected officials. We expect that they know what the Brown Act means and that they know how to conduct a meeting. They finished this first part of their meeting at 11:00, postponed several items and discussed the student services building at the end of the meeting.

We need more observers. We are not observing every meeting of every agency. And we should be. If you have an evening to spare and even if you don't, call our Action Chair and volunteer to observe. (Marilyn Singer—657-1969) We need you—good government needs you. —Miriam Keller

BOARD BRIEFS

At its October Board meeting, the Board

- heard that we now have a secretary for the Board, Judy Keller,
- learned that all candidate forums have now been scheduled,
- heard a report that our Voter Information Booklet was in the mail. We did a booklet for Union City this year, our first, and
- directed our publicity chair to take out an ad for Measure L, the utility user's tax.

ACTION COMMITTEE

Action Committee has a liaison committee that is working with the Fremont Alliance to encourage FUSD to implement AB 537. AB 537 is the California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000. It added actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity to the existing nondiscrimination policies that school districts are mandated to have in place.

Newark Unified and New Haven have written policies in place and are doing staff training. Action Committee has testified at a FUSD Board Meeting and met with the superintendent and board members to encourage them to implement AB 537 as quickly as possible. We currently are meeting with FUSD staff members who have been assigned the task of presenting materials to the board and finding ways to train staff.

League has prepared eight notebooks of materials and delivered them to Board members and staff to educate them on the need for implementing AB 537. It is a matter of safety for students and staff, and the threat of a lawsuit is something that should spur quick action.

Action Committee will be following the progress of FUSD and testifying to encourage compliance with the law.

—Marilyn Singer

VOTER INFORMATION BOOKS 2006
FREMONT AND UNION CITY

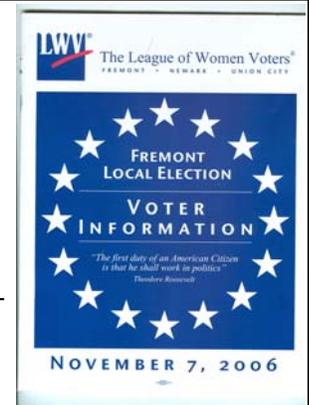
The 2006 Voter Information Books are in the hands of over 32,000 Fremont Households and for the first time over 9,000 Union City Households. The books have the potential of reaching over 60,000 voters in Fremont and over 17,000 voters in Union City. This project represents the League of Fremont, Newark and Union City's commitment to inform the voting public so it is better equipped to make educated election decisions.

The project of coordinating the Voter Information Books was undertaken by a committee comprised of Marilyn Singer, Jean Holmes, Charlie Scribner, Gus Morrison, Kay Emanuele and Chairperson John Smith. Special assistance from Doug Tinney, Jane Muller and Sundaram Natarajan in the design and technical preparation was greatly appreciated. There were many hours of coordinating and following up with the 12 Union City Candidates and 18 Candidate/Campaigns in Fremont before the books were ready to be printed and mailed. Each election year that the League produces the books our expertise increases, and this year's books were outstanding.

The cost to the Candidates was \$1,230.88 for the Fremont Candidates and \$705.38 for the Union City Candidates. The cost to the Initiative Campaigns in Fremont's Book was \$1000.00 per page. The overall project cost \$31,158.62. The League charged a Voter Information fee of 10% per Campaign, which brought in \$2,686.70 for future Voter Service projects.

The League would like to thank all of the Candidates and Campaigns that participated in making the Voter Information Books for 2006 such a great success.

—John Smith



CANDIDATE FORUMS

LWVFNUC has completed all ten Candidate Forums. Ably led by Letha Saldanha and Ellen Culver, forums and interviews were taped at Comcast Studios, Ohlone College, New Haven School District Office, and Newark City Council Chambers. Candidates for Fremont Unified School District Board, New Haven Unified School District Board, Union City City Council, State Senate District 10, East Bay Regional Park District, Ward 5, AC Transit District 2, Ward 5, and Director at Large, Ohlone College Board, Alameda County Water District, Fremont City Council, State Assembly District, and Washington Hospital Board. AAUW co-sponsored two of the forums.



FASHION FUNDRAISER AND GARAGE SALE

Our Garage Sale was held at Holly Walter's home on October 14 and the Fashion Fundraiser was held on the October 14 and 15. The garage sale netted \$147. Thanks go to Alison Kieft who ran the sale and to Holly Walter for providing the "garage". Thanks to Alex Starr, and Vesta Wilson who acted as sales people and to Jean Holmes and Carolyn Hedgecock for setting the prices. Thanks to all of you who donated your treasures for sale. Thanks to Barry Walter for putting up with the sale.

Treasures that were not sold at the sale were donated to St. Vincent de Paul and to a Center benefiting retarded and handicapped people.

If you are not receiving E-Tree messages , please send an e-mail to jojovest@aol.com with "subscribe to the E-Tree" in the message area. The e-tree keeps members informed of current issues and League events.

LWV ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNCIL SUPERINTENDENT STUDY READY FOR LOCAL LEAGUE REVIEW

In December 2004, the LWVACC authorized a restudy of its 1996 position on the Alameda County Office of Education and the Alameda County Board of Education. The restudy was based on the LWVC position, entitled Intergovernmental Relationship which states, "Support an efficient, effective and equitable balance of responsibility and authority among the levels of government with accountability to the public."

A study committee was appointed with a representative of each of the seven Leagues in Alameda County and it has met monthly since its inception. The committee focused on, "The Efficacy of Elected vs. Appointed County Superintendent of Schools." This issue came up during the original 1996 study, but was not included in the final position.

In 53 of the 58 counties, both the County Board of Education and the County Superintendent are elected. The five counties with appointed Superintendents are: Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara and Los Angeles.

County Boards of Education, under Education Code provisions, are responsible for: setting the superintendent's salary; approving the county budget; hearing appeals on expulsions and suspensions from districts; and acting as a school board for the Juvenile Court School and other community day schools operated by the county. When a County Superintendent is elected, the County Board does not have the authority to evaluate the elected superintendent's performance, establish work goals, or change the budget, unless both parties agree to such an arrangement.

County Superintendents are responsible for: Hiring and firing of staff members; developing and presenting the county budget; operating the Juvenile Court and other county schools; ensuring the fiscal viability of the school districts in the county; and providing other services to districts if mandated or needed. Recently, County Offices have been given additional responsibilities such as reviewing and monitoring school districts under provisions of the Williams law suit settlement.

A team of two members from the LWVACC study committee are prepared to assist local Leagues in studying this issue and reach consensus on questions listed below. The committee will then compile the results of those meetings and prepare an updated position which local Leagues can present at their next Program Planning meeting. Questions? Contact Lynn Groh lynnandjim-groh@earthlink.net or Eleanor Parker eliparker@sbcglobal.net (who co-chair the committee.)

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT STUDY UPDATE

1. Which method—elected or appointed County Superintendent of Schools (CSS)—would improve the effective and equitable balance of responsibility and authority between the County Superintendent and the County Board of Education? Why?
2. Which method—elected or appointed CSS—would improve accountability to the public? To the County Board?
3. Which method is a less expensive way to implement?
4. How would an appointed CSS affect the responsibilities and authority of the County Board of Education and would that be positive or negative?
5. Should the results of this study be used to support a statewide change in the method of selecting a CSS? Please explain.

UPDATED ENERGY POSITION NOW ONLINE

Members may access the updated LWVC Energy Position at <http://ca.lwv.org/lwvc/issues/natres/energy.html>. Sections of the position are marked "vertical," indicating that local Leagues may use these items to take action at the local level (i.e., on local measures only) without seeking prior approval of the LWVC or the LWVUS. The updated position will be included in the *Action Policies and Positions* currently being revised and soon to be available. —LWVC



KNOW YOUR BAY AREA IN BRIEF

On Saturday, September 16, the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area used one of its signature events, Know Your Bay Area Day, to convene a special forum on regional water issues. Entitled "Challenges of Our Interdependent Water Systems," the forum featured a keynote address by UC Berkeley economics professor David Sunding, who gave a talk about the "Regional Economic Importance of the San Francisco Water System."

The forum also included presentations by SFPUC Deputy General Manager Tony Irons ("The San Francisco Hetch Hetchy Water System & the Water System Improvement Program"), BAWSCA Chair Bern Beecham ("BAWSCA's Formation and Goals"), BAWSCA representative Allison Schutte ("How Are Wholesale Customers Addressing Water Conservation, Water Supply and Water System Reliability"), SFPUC Manager Tim Ramirez ("The San Francisco Creeks and Watershed Program"), and California Urban Water Conservation Council Executive Director Mary Ann Dickinson ("Promoting Water Conservation Regionally and Statewide").

For additional information about the topics and ideas discussed at the forum, please contact the Monitor at (510) 839-1610 or editor@bayareamonitor.org.

BLUE GREENWAY DEBUTS IN SAN FRANCISCO

A 13-mile stretch of San Francisco waterfront between Candlestick Point and McCovey Park is set to become a neighborhood asset and also a historic link in the San Francisco Bay Trail. Completion of the "Blue Greenway" as a fully-developed Bay Trail segment could enable San Francisco to claim the title as the first city in the region to complete its section of the Bay Trail.

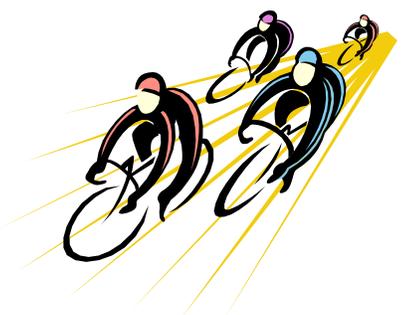
The San Francisco Bay Trail, begun in 1988, is 400+ miles of continuous trail around the Bay; over 50% is now completed, but there are many gaps, including the Blue Greenway area. Mayor Gavin Newsom appointed a Blue Greenway Task Force in November 2005 led by Marshall Foster, Director of City Greening, that includes representatives of many local agencies, neighborhood associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses and residents. The short-term objective was to complete the Bay Trail segment; the long-term objective was to plan and build "green infrastructure" along the southern waterfront.

The Blue Greenway is designed as a "healthy corridor" for walking, bicycling, and access to the water along the southeast San Francisco waterfront. It runs between AT&T Park and the southern border of the city. Residents of this part of the city have fewer parks and other recreation opportunities than those in other neighborhoods. The Blue Greenway is envisioned as a connection between existing parks, increasing access to all of them. It could also encourage creation of additional open space as new development occurs in Mission Bay, Hunters Point and along the Third Street Rail Line. Plans include a completed bike trail along the entire Bay Trail alignment, pocket parks, public art, and access to the water for kayaks, bird watching and similar activities.

At the beginning of May, the Mayor's Office of Greening and the Neighborhood Parks Council, a key partner, held an art auction to raise funding for the first public art installations along the Greenway. At the end of June, a free "Imagine the Way" Day, sponsored by the Mayor's Office, the Neighborhood Parks Council and the Livable City Initiative, will bring the community to celebrate the launch of the Blue Greenway Waterfront Trail.

Although the new trail segment may entitle San Francisco to bragging rights, its real value will be the way in which it enhances life for the neighborhoods nearby, and for visitors who enjoy the way in which it brings together the city and the Bay shore.

Leslie Stewart



CABLE TRAINING

Call Kay Emanuele if you are interested in a training course for "Voting Matters". Learn to run cameras, adjust lighting, direct shows, design sets, set up lighting, and design graphics. It is a lot of fun. The course will consist of 5 evening lessons. Be the first one on your block to know how a TV show is put together.

THE FUTURE OF THE ALTERNATIVE FUELS IN CALIFORNIA

On Friday, July 21, Assembly Member Fran Pavley, Chair of the Assembly Select Com-



mittee on Air and Water Quality, and Senator Sheila Kuehl, Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, held an informational hearing at Santa Monica College. The two-hour hearing focused on alternative fuels for transportation use. The hearing covered these topics:

- The State's Role and Current Status of Alternative Fuels Development;
- Solutions: Alternative Fuels for the 21st Century;
- The Economics of Fuel Diversity.

Mike Scheible of the California Air Resources Board outlined several steps that legislators could take to implement AB 1007 and suggested revising the California "predictive model." The Governor's budget includes \$25 million for support of alternative fuels, and the Air Resources Board (ARB) plans to coordinate with the California Energy Commission (CEC) to make the most effective use of these funds. Mike Smith of the California Energy Commission addressed the legislators, pointing out that our seaports are still the major points of entry for some forms of alternative fuels and the cost to California consumers to receive, store and re-distribute these fuels via ground transport is an enormous expense (total com-

bined costs approach \$500 million per month). He stated the CEC is working to extend fuels buying power to the consumer, with in-home fueling stations being an example.

Seven presenters followed, each addressing a different alternative fuel source, its current availability and likely share of the future fuels marketplace. Senator Kuehl asked what the recyclability/disposable factor is for alternative fuels, i.e., what do we do with old batteries or spent fuel cells? She noted that this is an area not yet addressed. Successful development of more and diverse fueling stations has to be included in any economic plan for increased user acceptance of the vehicles currently manufactured as well as those on the drawing board. Honda, Chevrolet, and Mercedes-Benz have models in production from luxury cars to one passenger commuter vehicles and fleet utility trucks. Chevrolet announced they will present 14 automobile models for 2007 that will average 27 mpg or better, using single or combined fuel choices. The City of Santa Monica will sponsor the first nationwide alternate vehicle car show, December 9 and 10, on the Pier.

Senator Kuehl ended the hearing saying she had visited Brazil, a country that has reduced by 100% its oil dependency for transportation purposes by using biodegradable cellulosic ethanol. The refineries are located in the middle of sugar cane fields, enabling both the production of ethanol and the refining of sugar from the same organic source.

The hearing was taped for cable television. More information on

alternative fuels is available by visiting www.communityfuels.com or by calling Assembly Member Pavley's office at 916-319-2041.

INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM

PLANNING LISTSERVE THIS FALL?

The LWVUS created a list-serve for the last round of program planning which allowed local Leagues to get the word out about program ideas and resources of interest to them. Traditionally, the LWVC sends out program planning materials and each local League reviews program and submits its comments in January or February. The State Board would like to explore the creation of a state program list-serve or blog for California local Leagues. This would allow you to know what the other local Leagues valued and wanted to emphasize, modify or drop for the coming year. If you are interested in participating in such a list-serve, or blog, please let me know as soon as possible and we will get some ideas from you as we proceed to set it up.

—Kate Quick, *Communications Director*, communications@lwvc.org

Next Steps for Redistricting?

The legislature failed to pass SCA 3, the redistricting reform measure sponsored by the League, before the session ended on August 31. The LWVC board is now considering what options it might pursue for redistricting through the legislative or initiative process. As we move forward, we will keep members informed.—LWVC



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PROTECTING CALIFORNIA'S CLIMATE

By Adelia Sabiston

The passage of landmark global warming bill AB 32 by the California legislature has put the state decisively at the national forefront in the action to control greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Under the bill, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will develop the regulations that will reduce GHG emissions to the 1990 level by 2020. Meanwhile, federal, state, regional, and local jurisdictions, as well as private entities, have been developing a variety of ways to reduce GHG emissions.

GHGs are so called because they trap the sun's heat near the earth's surface and prevent it from rising and dissipating into space. The principal gases having this effect are carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane. CO₂ is responsible for 83 percent of the greenhouse effect, methane for 9 percent, nitrous oxide for 6 percent, and other GHGs for 2 percent. As the world has become industrialized over the past 150 years, CO₂ levels have increased by 30 percent and methane by 145 percent. Combustion processes—such as those used by oil refineries, power plants, cement plants, and motor vehicles—are a principal source of CO₂ emissions; as for methane, cattle feed lots are a significant source.

The resulting global warming is melting glaciers and the polar icecaps, causing sea levels to rise. CO₂ entrapped in the ice and dissolved in the water is being released, adding to the problem. The warming of the oceans is changing current patterns and threatening fisheries. A change of even a few degrees in the average temperature can adversely affect agricultural productivity and the health of forests and ecosystems. Global warming is of particular concern to California because of its long coastline and the economic importance of its agriculture, fisheries, and forest products.

One ongoing state program to control GHG emissions is being run through the non-profit voluntary California Climate Action Registry, which helps member organizations keep an inventory of their GHG emissions while also providing referrals for technical assistance. Another state-level measure comes from CARB, who has adopted CO₂ emission standards for passenger cars and light-duty trucks. These standards are scheduled for implementation beginning with the 2009 model-year, and by

2016 would reduce GHG emissions by 25 to 34 percent of what they were in 2002 (although California's authority to set this standard is being challenged in the courts).

Regionally, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) has been doing its part to address the problem as well. In June 2005, the Air District initiated its Climate Protection Program and appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of the Air District Directors to direct it. The overall goal of the program is to incorporate climate protection activities into other aspects of Air District efforts while seeking to contribute to local, state, and federal programs. Current Air District activities include:

ICLEI Enlists More Cities for Climate Protection

Besides Sonoma County and its cities, four other Bay Area counties (Alameda, Marin, Santa Clara, and San Francisco) and fourteen other cities (Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, San Leandro, Union City, Fairfax, Novato, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Sausalito, San Jose, and San Francisco) are participating in ICLEI's CCP program. The program consists of 5 milestones to reduce GHGs and air pollution: (1) preparing a GHG inventory and forecast to determine the sources and quantities of GHG emissions, (2) setting a GHG emissions reduction target, (3) developing an action plan with both existing future actions that will meet the GHG reduction target, (4) implementing the action plan, and (5) monitoring and adjusting the plan, if needed. For more information, contact Timothy Burroughs of ICLEI at (510) 844-0699, extension 307. Preparation of an in-house inventory to track the Air District's own emissions and reductions through membership in the aforementioned California Climate Action Registry; Co-sponsorship with the Air and Waste Management Association of an international conference entitled "Planning for the Future: Climate Change, Greenhouse Gas Inventories & Clean Energy Linkages" in March of 2006; Co-sponsorship of an event at World Environment Day in San Francisco in June 2005; Participation in Sustainable Silicon Valley, a collaboration of businesses, governments, and non-governmental organizations that are identifying and addressing environmental and resource pressures in Silicon Valley;

Supporting Sonoma County and its cities—Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Win

dsor—with their participation in the ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability Cities for Climate Protection program (see inset). The program also includes a number of core initiatives:

Hosting a Climate Protection Summit on November 10 for government, business, and community leaders mainly intended to catalyze further action in climate protection in the Bay Area through collaborative measures and information exchange; Executing a comprehensive study and evaluation of GHG control technology for stationary sources, including alternatives, to be completed in March 2007; Developing an inventory of GHG emissions from Bay Area sources covered under the Air District's criteria pollutant inventories; Promoting energy efficiency through implementation of Stationary Source Control Measure 15 of the 2005 Ozone Strategy, through dissemination of energy efficiency and conservation information, creation of partnerships with other public agencies, and support of energy management workshops; Reducing in-house GHG emissions through implementation of Green Business practices consistent with the Association of Bay Area Governments Green Business Program, and investigation into ways to reduce electricity and fuel consumption;

Launching a green schools program to identify the GHG sources typical of schools, develop strategies for reducing emissions, provide educational opportunities on climate protection for students, and seek state and federal partnerships;

Integrating climate protection with other Air District activities, including addition of GHG reduction to the evaluation criteria for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air awards, integration of climate protection standards into the Air District's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, consideration of climate change impacts and mitigation in the Air District's CEQA comment letters, inclusion of climate protection in Air Quality Element General Plan Guidelines currently being developed, and consideration of GHG emissions in rule-making.

For additional information on the Air District's climate protection activities, contact Ana Sandoval, Principal Environmental Planner, at (415) 749-4667 or asandoval@baaqmd.gov.



JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPENDENCY SYSTEM

Since the LWVC Juvenile Justice/Dependency Study was completed in 1999, several positive changes have occurred. From 2001 to 2004 there was a 6.4 percent reduction in the number of children entering foster care for the first time. During the same time span recurrence also decreased; the percentage of children who experienced a second incident of abuse or neglect within six months declined by 12.4 percent. Children who enter foster care also exit more quickly. The number of children who return home within 12 months has increased by 14.4 percent and, for those unable to return home, the number adopted within two years has increased by 56.7 percent.

Earlier this year California successfully negotiated a foster care Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project. Title IV-E is the primary federal funding source for foster care. This is an uncapped entitlement that can currently be used only for children in out-of-home care. The approval of the waiver project will provide funds for services that will prevent child abuse, protect children within their homes, strengthen families, and divert families from the foster care system. Implementation may occur in up to 20 counties. Los Angeles County, as the lead county on the application, has pre-qualified. Other counties may self-select, subject to state approval of their plans.

This is significant, as it is the first ever waiver granted, and successful implementation in California could offer the same flexibility to other states. The goals of the waiver are in keeping with our positions of prevention and early intervention, a safe and supportive environment for children and flexible use of funds—LWVC



COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM PUBLICATIONS

Our last Hewlett Foundation grant publication, *College Is For Everybody*, was shipped to local Leagues at the end of September. This publication is a folder containing two documents. The first is a report on how well K-12 education prepares children for college and the workplace and why so many youngsters leave the school system ill-prepared. The article goes on to show that with the right kind of help, almost all youngsters can grow into adulthood competent to map their own career paths. One of the success stories in the report is the mini-grant project of the North Orange County League, which brought sixth graders and their parents to the local community college campus to start them thinking early about all the possibilities open to students who are well prepared.

The second document in the folder is a Parents' Guide to suggest to parents different ways to help their children to a rewarding career in post-secondary education. A separate Spanish-language version will make it easier for Latino parents to understand the way California schools work.

Each local League will receive a box of folders pre-packed with the English version and an additional set of Spanish-language Guides to distribute among youth-serving agencies in their own communities. The Parents' Guides, in English and Spanish, can be copied and distributed as handouts at PTA meetings, Open School nights and other school-based events.

Still in the works is a short (3-5 minute) DVD, of a panel discussion for parents of eighth graders, to explain the kinds of help children need as they transition into high school and begin to plan for the future. Following the panel presentation, a small group conversation in English and Spanish allowed Latino parents to ask about things they didn't understand, to ensure that they could give their children good advice about taking the right courses to prepare for college. The DVD, which should be out in October, will come with voice-overs in English and in Spanish, and will be mailed out separately, one to each League.—LWVC

VOTER ID REQUIREMENT OPPOSED BY THE LWVUS

In mid-September the LWVUS sent an Action Alert to all members, urging them to oppose passage of H.R. 4844, a bill requiring voters to present a government-issued photo ID that includes proof of citizenship at the polls. LWVUS President Mary Wilson denounced the bill in the strongest terms upon its passage by the House of Representatives and urged members of the Senate to oppose it. She pointed out that such requirements have historically resulted in discrimination and disenfranchisement of eligible voters and compared the proof of citizenship requirement to a 21st Century poll tax. See <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=6500>.

In California, similar bills are introduced into the legislature every session. Be assured that the LWVC will continue to oppose them in a similar fashion.

LEAGUE CALLS ON HOUSE LEADERS TO PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR ETHICS REFORM

The LWVUS joined other national reform organizations in letters to House leaders urging each of them to support an independent fact-finding function as part of the ethics process. The performance of the House Ethics Committee in this Congress has been a complete failure, and the House ethics enforcement process today has no credibility with the American people. Regardless of which party controls the House in the next Congress, it is essential to overhaul fundamentally the process for enforcing the House ethics rules

—LWVUS



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30TH ANNUAL EDSOURCE FORUM

*When & where: April 19 (Pomona) and April 20 (Palo Alto)

*Theme: "Money Talks: New Research and Candid Conversations about California School Finance"

QUOTE: Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.—Martin Luther King, Jr. *Strength to Love, 1963*



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| Fri., Nov. 10 | Education Committee | 9:30 | Miriam Keller's home |
| Wed., Nov 15 | Cable Taping | 2:00 PM | Comcast Studios 555 Mowry |
| Mon., Nov. 27 | General Meeting See front page. | 6:30 PM | Fremont Main Library |
| Tues., Nov. 28 | Washington Hospital Study Committee | 9:30 AM | Pat Lewis's home |
| Wed., Nov. 29 | Action Committee | 9:30 AM | Marilyn Singer's home |
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