



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



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Monday, November 16, 2009

6:30 Networking, 7:00 Program

Fremont Main Library

Fukaya Room

***"Our Community Colleges and High Schools"***

**Discussion Panalists:**

Jim Wright, V. P. Academic Affairs, Ohlone

Ron Travenick, V. P. Student Development, Ohlone

Claudia Quezada, Early Assessment Program, CSEB

Teri Hu, English Teacher, Washington H.S.

- Can Ohlone College and the school districts do more to prepare students for college and work?
- Do the English AP classes taught in high schools by Ohlone College staff provide full college and university credit?
- How does the Internet *assist.com* help credit transfers from community colleges and universities?
- How do the high school class contents in English and mathematics relate to the expectations of colleges and universities as expressed in their placement exams?
- Do the English Advanced Placement courses provide full college/university credit?
- What are the effects on credit transferability and academic course availability with the decrease in financial support in public education?

## President' s Report

Bad news on the cable front. Comcast has cancelled all community access programs. That includes our monthly program *Voting Matters*. The crew arrived at Comcast studios on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> only to find that we were unable to tape our show. Our guests arrived shortly after that, much to our dismay. We knew that we might be cancelled at some time in the future, but Comcast did not see fit to notify us of their decision. Evidently their business model does not include common courtesy.

On another front, health care reform continues to dominate the national scene. Our October meeting, held at the Fremont Congregational Church, featured panelists discussing the latest in the debate. In November the Education Committee is organizing the general meeting. The topic will be the interface between local high schools and the community college. There are concerns that students, parents, and faculty at both levels are not always on the same page when it comes to planning on which courses tot take to achieve a specific outcome. In December we will just have a fun gathering – no heavy policy issues – just fun. We will save Program Planning for the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We decided at the board meeting to not officially sign up for the Membership initiative. Instead we will try to make our own version of membership growth work by stressing a concentrated effort on linking mentors with new members. That will unfold in the next couple of months.

If you have not yet had a chance to visit our new office at Fremont ' s Cultural Arts Center on Country Drive, please let me know. I would be happy to give you the mini-tour. We are delighted with our space and the opportunity it offers us for small and medium size meetings. Our awards and commendations fill our walls!

—Alex Starr



## Board Briefs

- Approved revised membership initiative.
- Approved tribute form.
- Mapped out next three general meetings.
- Learned that an April Smart Voter event will take place in Fremont.
- Discussed interviews with new Ohlone trustees Bonaccorsi and Cox.

**WANTED:** League member to sit at desk on a Friday from 11-2.

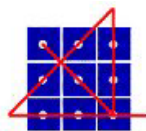
**PAY:** You can get a lot done while waiting for phone to ring... knitting, addressing Christmas cards, reading, etc.

**TIME NEEDED:** 11-2 once or twice a month on a Friday.

**PLACE:** 3355 Country Drive, Fremont  
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**Ellen Culver**  
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## October 19 Meeting on Health Care Reform

Many thanks to our three panelists for participating in our October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting on Health Care Reform. The diversity offered gave us much to think about. Representing the physicians' point of view was Dr. Anmol Mahal, past president of the California Medical Association. A local gastroenterologist, Dr. Mahal spoke eloquently about serving the needs of all patients when citing the need to remove pre-existing conditions as a precursor to treatment. Luis Garcia, representing the viewpoint of the Republican Party, summed up his feelings at the end of the evening by supporting an incremental approach to changes in the health care delivery system rather than one bill in Congress. Dr. Arun Patel, a former pediatrician, now a practicing attorney, reiterated the administration's position that the time for reform is now, not later, in order to cover everyone and to lower the cost of care.

For more information go to our web site [www.lwvfnuc.org](http://www.lwvfnuc.org). There are 3 web sites to visit with more information.

## Searching for a Distinctive Gift Idea? Here's Something New!

At this time of year, many of us begin to think about gift lists. Here's an idea you can use to honor someone's birthday or anniversary, to observe Christmas, or even to put on your own wish list. LWVFNUC has just adopted a procedure that makes it easier to make a tribute donation in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone. Donate online or send a check. In either case, just indicate the person you want to honor and the occasion, give us the name and address where notification should be sent, and we'll take care of the rest. Your gift gives twice—to both the honoree and the worthy work of the League. Nothing for you to wrap and send. Nothing for the honoree to find closet space to accommodate. It's the perfect solution!

## Action Committee

The League's Action Committee continues, as our name implies, to be ACTIVE.

Alex Starr was asked to represent the League and moderate a discussion on the topic of health insurance reform at Paddy's Coffee House in Union City on Saturday, October 3rd. This event was a great opportunity for the League to participate in the ongoing debate and gain some exposure for the fine work we do in the community.

Interviews with elected officials proceed. Greg Bonaccorsi, newly elected trustee of Ohlone College, was recently interviewed by Miriam Keller, Jean Harper and Alex Starr. And the other new Ohlone trustee, Teresa Cox, is scheduled to be interviewed by Kay Emanuele, Alex Starr and Andrea Schacter. All California Community Colleges, including Ohlone, are facing unprecedented financial problems. Ohlone needs to cut \$700,000 from the current year budget, and may go for a bond issue either in June or November, 2010.

AC Transit recently had a meeting in Fremont to hear public input regarding service in South County. It is still being argued that Southern Alameda County is not receiving funding equality.

Through the work of our observer corps, it sometimes comes to the attention of the Action Committee that transparency in public meetings is less than adequate. When this occurs, a member of the committee will contact the public body informing them of the specific problem. We hope that this results in a positive outcome. Some public meetings are neither televised nor video streamed, and a member of the Action committee will suggest a system for greater public access. And at times, we receive complaints that decisions are made without the opportunity for public input. League observers play a vital role in providing for open government in our communities. Please consider serving as an observer of public meetings. You can be the eyes and ears for transparency in government.

## Interview with Greg Bonaccorsi

New Ohlone trustee Greg Bonaccorsi met with three League members on September 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss several issues concerning the college. As a science teacher Mr. Bonaccorsi is detail oriented and his approach to the trustee position reflects that. Since he believes that information should drive policy, he finds that his biggest surprise is the struggle he has delineating between policy making and administrative details. He thinks that he is improving in this direction but still has a way to go.

Mr. Bonaccorsi thinks that the board will consider what to do with the property near Mission Blvd when they consider another bond measure. As for the League's most often asked question of Ohlone trustees, he would favor changing the numbered seats to at-large voting with some provision for the Newark seats. He does now see the advantage of the numbered seats since they do not run against one another but feels that is overridden by the advantages to the public of eliminating the numbered seats.

Even with the budget cuts he feels the college does a good job of preparing students. He sent the following statement later to support his opinion.

In addition to what I stated in our conversation, according to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the 2008 Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges report saw Ohlone College rate above its peers on 5 of 7 success indicators. According to this report, Ohlone College remains strong in the areas of transfer preparation, vocational course completion, completion of 30 units, persistence, and basic skills improvement rate. Ohlone is mid-level in the Bay 10 for percentage of students transferring to CSU ( 9<sup>th</sup> out of 21 ), but in the top third ( 7<sup>th</sup> of 21 ) in sending students to UC. Furthermore, Ohlone students who transfer to CSU's do so with entering grade point averages at or above the state average for all com-

munity colleges. CSU students who transferred in from Ohlone College as upper division students have a first year GPA above the state average, although the first year GPA for lower division transfers from Ohlone College is below the state average. Lastly, the total number of transfers to CSU/ UC campuses is exactly the same now as it was in 2002-2003, with more transfers now to UC's than CSU's.

After checking with some records, he sent us this written answer about whether or not there had been a recent shift in classes being sought by students. According to some data on Weekly Student Contact Hours as a function of Full-Time Equivalent Faculty, English and Mathematics continues to garner the greatest number of Weekly Student Contact Hours. The data does not seem to indicate any trends or shifts that dramatically show a change in student preference.

As far as the state monetary crisis the current year is O.K. if the college uses reserves. They will ask for early retirement incentives. Next year will be harder with the hole in the state budget. They are trying to look at a two year cycle. There is encouraging news from the Feds who want to run student loans and thus save \$86 B. over time. He also stated that accountability and clarity is getting better in financial reports submitted to the board..

In the future Mr. Bonaccorsi want to reach out more to the community with coffees and town hall type meetings. He also feels that they should have joint meetings with Fremont, Newark and Union City school boards and ROP.

### Voter Service

#### Affidavit Distributors

Please make at least one to two visits to the sites assigned before the end of the year.

We need volunteers for Affidavit Distributors:

Contact Sets Amann: [setsamann@pacbell.net](mailto:setsamann@pacbell.net)

## Conservation Is Critical to Fill the Water Gap

By Gail Schickele  
Bay Area Monitor

Water conservation to reduce the gap between limited supply and growing demand is critical to the Water Conservation Implementation Plan (WCIP) being finalized by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) this fall.

“We have a problem in matching needs with available water supply to 2035,” the year to which studies forecast a potential supply gap up to 45 million gallons per day, explained Arthur Jensen, general manager and chief executive officer of BAWSCA, which comprises 26 cities, water districts, and utilities that buy water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) for resale to their local service areas.

New and expanded WCIP measures will include rebates for high-efficiency toilets and washing machines, a residential landscape education program, and water efficiency ordinances for new buildings both indoors and out.

The financing and implementation of the plan has a total estimated cost of \$88 million between now and 2018. The core conservation program, defined as the measures which benefit all agencies, will be paid for by all member agencies.

The WCIP builds upon conservation commitments and programs initiated by BAWSCA for member agency administration. In fiscal year 2007-08, 17 member agencies participated in one or more of BAWSCA's four conservation programs with a total cost of nearly \$700,000. BAWSCA also continued

to implement a regional program to educate all customers on the efficient use of water for landscaping. The new conservation measures are expected to create a potential water surplus of up to 9 million gallons per day.

The program complements BAWSCA's long-term Reliable Water Supply Strategy.

“We need to begin immediately looking at long-term water projects, even small ones,” Jensen said. “Water conservation looks at the demand side. Strategy looks at supply side: what could be done with new recycled water, graywater, desalination — at this time we're not limiting ourselves as we look at water supply strategy.”

BAWSCA projects an approximate 1 percent increase in water needs per year until 2030 as a result of planned growth. A conservation savings potential of 10 to 14 million gallons per day can fulfill the difference between the agencies' water need projections and the SFPUC's Interim Supply Limitation of 184 million gallons per day to 2018, according to the Agency's Senior Water Resources Engineer Nicole Sandkulla in a May 21 report to BAWSCA's board of directors.

Jensen explained, “San Francisco 25 years ago agreed to provide water outside San Francisco up to 184 million gallons per day and the parties agreed to no less than 184 million gallons per day in perpetuity, but Santa Clara and San Jose can't be accommodated, so we've tried to take this on so we can keep everybody happy. There's much more work to be done.”

Using agency-supplied demand projections, it is estimated that purchases from the SFPUC — ex-

cluding Santa Clara and San Jose — will approach the 184 million gallons per day supply assurance by 2020 or earlier. Purchases from the SFPUC are estimated to reach 208 million gallons per day by 2030, inclusive of San Jose and Santa Clara.

“We've taken a look at these issues with what water they need — not *demand*,” Jensen emphasized.

Based on data from the State Department of Water Resources published in May 2005, BAWSCA's average residential use of 88 gallons per capita per day is less than the average (97) for the nine-county Bay Area, and well below that of the nine hydrologic regions of the state. As reported by BAWSCA agencies, SFPUC purchases totaled 174.3 million gallons per day in fiscal year 2007-08, nearly unchanged from the 174.6 million gallons per day purchased in the fiscal year previous to that. Compared with the 10-year average, purchase levels in fiscal year 2007-08 were above average by 1.4 million gallons per day. The BAWSCA area water use is more efficient than other areas due to the characteristics of its communities, including climate, demographics, lot sizes, and population density.

My basic view is that we have a limited supply of water while population and commerce continue to grow, so we have to become efficient with the water we have,” Jensen concluded.

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### More About BAWSCA

BAWSCA is a special district enabled by Assembly Bill 2058 (Papan, Dutra, and Simitian) in 2003 to serve the interests of 26 agencies in Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties representing 1.7 million people and 10,000 businesses. Authorities include planning, development and acquisition of new water supplies as well as planning and implementation of water conservation and recycled water projects. The agency represents its members' collective interests in their relationship with the SFPUC on matters related to water supply, facility reliability, operations, water quality, and wholesale water rates.

### Critical Delta Restoration Legislation Sinks

By Gail Schickele  
Bay Area Monitor

Efforts by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (Sacramento) to pass a \$12 billion bond package to resolve California's water crisis sank amid stormy political waters in the final hours of the legislative session on September 11. The failed package — five policy bills folded into a single bill (Senate Bill 722) and a drafted bond bill (Assembly Bill 893) — would have created a new Delta oversight council, increased conservation, and expanded monitoring of water use for the beleaguered Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The legislation builds upon Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's 2006 executive order to develop a Delta Vision, which has focused on co-equal goals of water supply and ecosystem restoration in providing a sustainable management program for the Delta.

In a letter opposing the legislation, Delta Vision Task Force Chair Phil

Isenberg said the fact that the five policy bills lack any provision for financing greatly diminishes their effectiveness. He did note, however, that the package represents substantial progress after many years of stalemate and reflects many recommendations from the *Delta Vision Strategic Plan*:

- Assembly Bill 39 (Huffman) defines the Delta ecosystem to be protected;
- Assembly Bill 49 (Feuer/Huffman) implements the governor's calls for a 20 percent water savings by the year 2020;
- Senate Bill 12 (Simitian) establishes a new Delta governance system;
- Senate Bill 229 (Pavley) gives the State Water Board authority to enforce long-standing state law requiring the reporting of water use by permit holders, and also requires the reporting of underground water use; and
- Senate Bill 458 (Steinberg/Simitian) revises the role of the existing Delta Protection Commission to align it with the Delta Vision's co-equal goals, and also establishes the Delta Conservancy to implement important parts of the Delta ecosystem improvement.

"I'm willing to concede and compromise on water storage, continuous appropriations, and general obligation bonds because if we want to solve California's water problems, we have to compromise," Steinberg said in his eleventh-hour appeal to garner support for the legislation, which Assembly member Jared Huffman (San Rafael) and Assembly Speaker Karen Bass (Los Angeles) shelved before it went to a floor vote.

Two days prior, Delta representatives Senator Lois Wolk (Woodland) and Assemblymember

Mariko Yamada (Solano) withdrew their authorship and support of Senate Bill 458 following Steinberg's extensive amendments, which the two representatives opposed.

"What began as a sincere effort to create a state and local partnership to restore the Delta and sustain the Delta communities and economy is becoming, day by day, amendment by amendment, a tool to assist water exporters who are primarily responsible for the Delta's decline," said Wolk said in a statement. "It is regrettable. Without the Delta communities as working partners in this effort it is unlikely to succeed."

Wolk and Yamada were replaced with Steinberg and Senator Joe Simitian (Palo Alto) as the bill's authors.

Despite differences it is anticipated that a water deal may be struck in a special legislative session to be held in the coming months.

"Everyone agrees that we are close and that we have made a decade's worth of progress in just a few weeks, but there is still some more work to do," Steinberg said in a statement. "I remain confident that the legislature can pass a comprehensive water package that will restore the Delta's fragile ecosystem and ensure a reliable water supply for California's economic growth."

"There are quite a few hurdles to overcome — but they are not insurmountable," said Senator Dave Cogdill (Modesto), who serves as the vice chairman of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. "I will continue to work until we achieve a complete solution that meets California's water needs now and into the .

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## What is Driving the Rapid Rise in U.S. Health Care Costs?

*By Rhondda Tewes*

Health care spending in the United States reached \$2.4 trillion in 2007, or \$7,900 per capita. It's projected to reach \$3.1 trillion in 2012 and \$4.3 trillion in 2017 (20% of gross domestic product [GDP])<sup>1</sup>. A variety of factors are contributing to this escalation of cost, including:

**Health Insurance Premiums:** In 2008, employer health insurance premiums increased by 5% or twice the rate of inflation, with an annual premium averaging nearly \$12,700 for an employer health plan covering a family of four.<sup>2</sup>

**Administrative Costs:** Administrative overhead can cause health care insurance premiums to balloon: compare Medicare at 3% with an average of commercial carriers at 20%, and investor-owned Blue Cross/Blue Shield at 27%.<sup>3</sup>

**Percentage of Total Health Care Costs:** The typical American family of four spent \$15,600 on total health care costs in 2008, or 25% of the combined family income of \$60,000. In 2003, a comparison of health care costs in the U.S. and Canada found that administration accounted for 31.0 percent of health care expenditures in the United States and 16.7 percent of health care expenditures in Canada.<sup>4</sup>

**Highly Fragmented System:** A fragmented system is hard for employers and patients to navigate, and leads to inefficient care delivery. Confusing paperwork and rules for multiple insurance programs allow patients to fall through safety nets. Medically, patients are often subjected to duplicate testing and suffer negative drug interactions due to multiple providers and no central medical records system.

**Bricks and Mortar:** Capital spending drives operating costs and determines the geographic distribution of resources. When operating and capital payments are combined, as they are currently, prosperous hospitals can expand and modernize while impoverished ones cannot, regardless of need or quality.<sup>5</sup>

**Emphasis on Treatment:** Advancements in clinical treatments, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices are accompanied by increasing costs, including costs of research and development, and advertising directly to patients as well as to providers. *The decision to allow advertising directly to patients has greatly increased the demand for new products and services.*<sup>6</sup>

**The Uninsured:** Health care for individuals who are uninsured raises the costs for all Americans because providers (physicians, clinics, hospitals) make up the losses by shifting the cost to paying consumers.<sup>7</sup>

**Impact of Other Insurance:** Often overlooked, the medical expense portions of liability, workers compensation and auto insurance for homes, cars, and businesses also contribute to the cost of health care.<sup>8</sup>

Despite high expenditures for multiple private, state and federal health insurance programs, a Families USA 2009 report, *Americans At Risk*, found that 86.7 million people—one out of every three Americans under the age of 65—were uninsured for some period of time during 2007 and 2008. These Americans either pay for medical care out of their own pockets or delay needed care altogether. Another 16 million Americans are considered underinsured.<sup>10</sup> This figure puts the 50 percent of consumer bankruptcies in the United States that stem from medical bills into perspective.<sup>1</sup>

Visit the LWVUS website for the footnotes.

## Critical Delta Restoration Legislation Sinks Continued from page 5

Supporters of the legislation included the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Nature Conservancy, the Bay Institute, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (the state's biggest urban water supplier), and the Westlands Water District (the Central Valley farm irrigation agency that serves some 600 family-owned farms covering 600,000 acres in Fresno and Kings counties).

Opponents of the legislation included the California Farm Bureau, the Planning and Conservation League, the Teamsters Union, the state council of the Service Employees International Union, the City of Sacramento and the Sierra Club.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the largest estuary on the West Coast, critical habitat to more than 500 native plant, fish, and animal species, and the main conduit for water exports from Northern California to two-thirds of the state's population and more than 3 million of acres of agriculture.

## Interview with Teresa Cox

As a new community college trustee Teresa Cox is excited about the possibilities and at the same time feels that she is still on a learning curve. She believes that the board will need to consult with all of the constituent groups before they decide anything about the property near Mission Blvd. She thinks the decision will have long term implications.

Her position on numbered seats aligns with Mr. Bonaccorsi's. She would vote to remove the numbered seats. She sees the current situation as giving incumbents an unfair advantage. She believes that the candidates receiving the highest number of votes should be elected.

She supports the concept of shared governance with all groups being heard and part of the discussion. Regarding the board workshops, which are not televised, she affirmed that no actions are taken. She also reminded us that most of the previous year's workshops have highlighted board training.

Staff reports have been completed in a more timely manner recently but she acknowledged that not all are ready in time for them to be part of the agenda emailed and sent out. Upon our request, she agreed to ask if they could be submitted in writing so that the public could have access to them, as is indicated by open government rules.

She agreed with Mr. Bonaccorsi that Ohlone students are adequately prepared as reflected in their above average transfer percentages. Sixty-one percent go on to 4 year colleges. When asked about where remediation for high school students should occur she mentioned that Ohlone does some of that and some is done through R.O.P. The skills testing on entering students identifies those who need basic skills classes. She told us that students are generally on one of three tracks: Transfer, Workforce or Basic Skills.

As far as finances go, the college is on a fiscally sound base. In the strategic plan there is a rainy day fund set aside. An audit is done every 2-3 years with good results and there is no structural deficit.

Trustee Cox received her Brown Act training at a 3-day conference sponsored by the California Community College League.

The biggest surprise for her was the economic downturn that has led to more challenges. She would like to work to

build more business and corporate partnerships with the college including cutting edge workforce training, corporate scholarships, information exchange and curriculum seminars. She supports more diversity outreach to underrepresented groups. Her biggest joy was seeing the new student services building open.

## Fremont Housing Element of the General Plan

Dear Housing Stakeholder:

On October 15, 2009 the Department of Housing and Community Development certified the City of Fremont's Housing Element for 2007-2014 as being fully compliant with State Housing law.

Adopted on July 14, 2009 by Resolution No. 2009-48, the Housing Element is currently available on our City website at [www.fremont.gov/generalplan](http://www.fremont.gov/generalplan) under the link "Chapter 4: Housing." Please be aware that this current version shows all mark ups and changes made during the drafting process. Staff is currently reformatting this document for web-friendly viewing and will be posted next week. CD versions of the Housing Element will also be available for purchase from the City's Development Services Center located at 39550 Liberty Street.

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the development of the Element. While State certification is a big milestone, we are well aware that in many ways the real work begins now. We'll look forward to continuing to work with you to achieve the City's housing goals. Regards,

The General Plan Team  
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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

**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 WOMEN IN HISTORY**



**Mary Jane McLeod Bethune** (July 10, 1875 – May 18, 1955) was an American educator and civil rights leader best known for starting a school for black students in Daytona Beach, Florida that eventually became Bethune-Cookman University and for being an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Born in South Carolina to parents who had been slaves, she took an early interest in her own education. With the help of benefactors, Bethune attended college hoping to become a missionary in Africa. When that did not materialize, she started a school for black girls in Daytona Beach. From six students it grew and merged with an institute for black boys and eventually became the Bethune-Cookman School. Its quality far surpassed the standards of education for black students, and rivaled those of white schools. Bethune worked tirelessly to ensure funding for the school, and used it as a showcase for tourists and donors, to exhibit what educated black people could do. She was president of the college from 1923 to 1942 and 1946 to 1947, one of the few women in the world who served as a college president at that time.

Bethune was also active in women's clubs, and her leadership in them allowed her to become nationally prominent. She worked for the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932, and became a member of Roosevelt's Black Cabinet, sharing the concerns of black people with the Roosevelt administration while spreading Roosevelt's message to blacks, who had been traditionally Republican voters. Upon her death, columnist Louis E. Martin said, "She gave out faith and hope as if they were pills and she some sort of doctor."

—Submitted by Vesta Wilson



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### Early Assessment Program

The California State University (CSU), which draws its students from the third of California's high school graduates, has long accommodated large numbers of incoming students who need remedial education in English and mathematics. While having well over half of incoming students requiring additional preparation is a common occurrence in all states, the CSU and public school leadership believe that an early intervention strategy will help increase the college readiness of high school students.

The CSU has worked with the State Board of Education (SBE) and the California Department of Education to develop the Early Assessment Program (EAP). EAP incorporates the CSU's placement standards into existing high school standards tests in English and mathematics.

The benefits of EAP are many:

- Aligning school and CSU standards so that success in school means readiness for the CSU.
- Giving more meaning and force to the California Standards Tests
- Giving high school students an early signal about their college readiness and adequate time to prepare before entering CSU
- Making the senior year a time for more direct and specific preparation for college
- Exempting CSU-ready students from taking CSU placement tests or the SAT or the ACT, thereby reducing testing time for the students.

Tues., Nov. 3	Election Day in Newark		
Thurs., Nov. 5	Action Committee	12-30-2:30 Brown Bag Lunch	Kay Emanuele's home
Mon. Nov. 9	Board Meeting	6:45 pm	Cultural Arts Mtg. Room 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
Sat., Nov. 14	Voter Deadline		
Mon. Nov. 16	LWVFNUC General Meeting	6:30 networking 7:00 program	Fremont Main Library Fukaya Room
Mon. Dec. 14	Holiday Celebration	6:30 PM	Carolyn Hedgecock;s Home
Sat. Jan. 30	Bay Area League Day Addressing Climate Change		
Sun., Feb. 14	League's 90th Birthday		
Mon., Feb. 15	Birthday Celebration		