



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

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FREMONT, NEWARK & UNION CITY

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ELECTION 2016

**For up-to-date election
information go to our
Election Resource Center
on our Home Page at
www.lwvfnuc.org**

Other excellent sources of information
include:

- For general information and your ballot go to www.votersedge.org
- For information on the top 10 contributors to ballot measures go to www.fppc.ca.gov, click the "Transparency Portal" tab at the top of the screen, "Top Contributor's List" on the left side of the screen, and finally "November 2016 General Election" on the left side of the screen"



Discussion of State Propositions

**Monday, October 24 at 7:00 PM
Saint James Episcopal Church
37051 Cabrillo Terrace, Fremont**

**Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 PM
Azevada Elementary School
Multi Purpose Room
39450 Royal Palm Drive,
Fremont 94538**

**Join us to hear explanations
of the 17 propositions,
their intent, costs,
pros, and cons.**

Bring a Friend!

***Get prepared, be informed and VOTE
on November 8th!***

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Because Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport

The League of Women Voters (“LWV”) has always encouraged not just participation but informed participation in the political arena. In California, and specifically in our Tri-City Area, with 17 ballot measures, several public offices and local ballot measures, being informed voters seems to be a daunting task. In California, we believe in direct democracy and some cities, such as San Francisco, apparently have something like 25 local ballot measures!

Fortunately, LWVFNUC and other Leagues across the state and across the nation, provide resources that make the plethora of information somewhat more digestible. For example, we have held several candidate forums for key local offices, such as Mayor, city council member and school board. These forums provide a way to gauge the qualifications of the candidates as well as compare them to each other. If you missed the forums, you can stream them on video from our website at www.lwvfnuc.org.

The LWV of California’s joint venture with Maplight resulted in an exciting and informative website: votersedge.org. Votersedge.org replaces LWVC’s website Smartvoter.org. You can use the website to find your polling place, your ballot, information on the candidates as well as information about the ballot measures! Not only can you now get the pros/cons of the ballot measures in a snapshot format, you also have information on who is backing a particular measure and for how much!

Often, the real story behind a ballot measure is not in what is depicted in media campaigns, but what is illustrated by who and how much has been donated to either support or oppose a measure. Recently, we held a forum at the Fremont main Library featuring Phillip Ung, Legislative Director with the California Fair Political Practices Commission. Mr. Ung walked us through the FPCC’s website which holds a lot of critical information for thoughtful voters. For example, the site’s “Transparency Portal” gives the top 10 financial contributors to ballot measures as well as independent expenditures to support or oppose state candidates.

The people we elect and the ballot measures we pass will impact our lives for many years to come. It behooves us to take some time to think about and research both the ballot measures and the candidates and then, *don’t forget to cast your vote!*

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A Letter from Helen Hutchison

President, LWVC

Our hard work has paid off, and great things are in store for California with so many new laws going into effect:

Money in Politics

- SB 1107 removes the ban on public financing of campaigns and helps level the playing field for candidates.
- SB 1349 modernizes the state's online database of campaign finance and lobbying information.

Climate Change

- SB 32 and AB 197 reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect disadvantaged communities and those most affected by this pollution.

Voting Rights and Redistricting

- AB 2466 makes it less likely for Californians to be unfairly denied their voting rights after a criminal conviction.
- SB 450 makes voting more accessible with vote-by-mail ballots, early voting, and vote centers, starting in 14 counties in 2018.
- AB 958 establishes a Citizens Redistricting Commission for Los Angeles County, and SB 1108 allows all other California cities and counties to have these commissions too.
- AB 350, AB 2220, and AB 2389 promote better representation and protect voting rights when local governments change to district-based elections.
- AB 2010 helps local candidates reach voters with more affordable, online options for displaying their statements in official election materials.

PreK-12 Education and Juvenile Justice

- AB 1014 and SB 527 reduce truancy and serve students at risk of dropping out of school, as required by Proposition 47.

Immigration

- AB 2792 protects the rights of immigrants in local custody.

Natural Resources and the Environment

- SB 122 supports the public's voice in land-use decisions by streamlining the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.
- SB 7 promotes conservation by requiring individual water meters in new multifamily housing.
- SB 1262 protects our long-term water supply by preventing the overuse of groundwater in new developments.
- AB 2480 puts funding of watershed restoration projects on an equal basis with other water infrastructure.

These wins aren't possible without your support! Thank you to everyone who responded to our action alerts and made your voices heard in Sacramento. For more information about all the bills we've been working on, check out our [Bill Status Report](#).

You can make a big difference in our ongoing work as we approach Election Day—[your gift today supports League work at a critical moment](#).

Sincerely,



Helen Hutchison
President, LWV

Thank You Volunteers!!!

Thank you to all the volunteers who produce our amazing election year coverage – our web site, Facebook page, Tweets, the Voter, Candidate and Issues Forums, Voter Registration, Voter’s Edge and the Voter Information Booklet. Each of these takes a significant amount of time, money and people to accomplish. In September there were 4 Candidate Forums, Fremont Mayor and City Council, Washington Township Hospital Board, and Fremont Unified School District. Peter Starr, our Web Master has

already loaded the YouTube videos up for our members and the public. Each forum takes 5 -6 volunteers to make it happen. September 19th we held a discussion on two regional Measures, BART RR and Alameda County Affordable Housing A1. Let us not forget the many volunteers who turned out at the Union City and Fremont Bart stations to pass out Voter Registration Forms – over 250 forms went to prospective voters!



Fremont City Council Candidate Forum



Packed Fremont Chamber Watching the Fremont Mayor Candidate Forum



FUSD Candidate Forum



Washington Hospital Board Candidate Forum



In addition to the usual Forums and Registration Drives, on October 1st the League Co-sponsored with the Alameda County Library a community information session featuring Phillip Ung, Director, Fair Political Practices Commission. There League and community members learned about the valuable work done by the FPPC to ensure ethics in our government in a number of ways. Most importantly during an election they track the top 10 contributors to a campaign

There are 4 more Candidate Forums in October for Union City and a PRO/CON discussion on the 17 State Ballots Measures on the 24th. This PRO/CON is not the only one; small groups request PRO/CON discussions and we accommodate! Four have been given so far, one

to the Sisters of Saint Joseph, one to Acacia Creek residents where there was an amazing turn out of about 60 people, one to a neighborhood group, and one at the Fremont Resource Center.



Union City Council Candidate Forum



Pro/Con Discussion of California Propositions

Voter Registration and Candidate Forum Volunteers

Volunteers at the Union City BART station

Shamsa Rafay, Joyce Mueller and Miriam Keller from LWV, Marjery Leonard from AAUW, and Mary Scharb and a friend from COR helped with registrations at the Union City BART . We gave out about 46 registration forms during our time there.

Volunteers at the Fremont BART station

Pat Lewis, Judy Tokyo AAUW, Randy Fewel AAUW, Syeda Inamdar, Sam Neeman, Pauline Weaver, Evelyn La Torre, Judy Chong, Alex Starr, Jean Holmes.

Volunteers at the Candidate Forums

Syeda Inamdar, Rita Manning, Joyce Mueller, Kathy Bray, Kathy Steel-Sabo, Regis Amann, Cathie Kelly, Marilyn Singer, Sets Amann, Carolyn Hedgecock, Mary Miller, Sam Neeman, Andrea Schacter, David Fishbaugh, Pat Lewis, Evelyn La Torre, Christina Monkman, Judy Zlatnik, Alex Starr, Merna Morse.

**League of Women Voters
Fremont, Newark, and Union City
Voter Information Book**



The lion's share of the work for the Voter Information Booklet that brings voter information right to Tri- City voters' mail box was done in September.

The Booklet was mailed October 7th to coincide with the Vote-By-Mail Ballots mailing.

Volunteers for the VIB

Gus Morrison
John Smith
Marilyn Singer
Sophia Liu
Evelyn La Torre
Carolyn Hedgecock
Sets Amann

Wed. Oct 12	Candidate Forum	New Haven USD Admin Offices 34200 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City 7:00 PM Alameda County Water District 8:10 PM New Haven School Board
Thurs, Oct 13	Action Group	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM League Office 3375 Country Drive, Fremont
Mon., Oct 17	Board Meeting	6:45 PM League Office 3375 Country Drive, Fremont
Thurs. Oct 20	PRO/CON Discussion of State Propositions	6:00 PM Azevada Elementary School Multi Purpose Room 39450 Royal Palm Drive, Fremont
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Fri., Oct 28	HBO Documentary The Donors--Does Money Talk?	7:00 PM Evelyn LaTorre's Home
Tues., Nov 8	ELECTION DAY!!	

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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