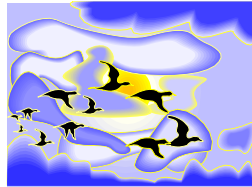


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 The League of Women Voters
 Of Fremont, Newark and
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September 23, Autumn Begins

The League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City presents its annual

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WHAT OPEN SPACE?



MEETING

**NORTHERN PLAIN
 PLANNING AREA OPEN SPACE
 INITIATIVE Measure K**

September 18
 Fremont Main Library
 6:30 PM

Panel:

Pro Arguments: Ann Rice, Volunteer, Friends of Coyote Hills and Fremont

David Reid, East Bay Field Representative, Green Belt Alliance

Con Arguments: Gus Morrison, Committee Against the Patterson Ranch Initiative

Bob Douglass, Cargill

Moderator: Trish Taylor, Eden Area LWV



PLEASE BRING YOUR USED COMPUTER CARTRIDGES TO THIS MEETING. OUR LEAGUE GETS \$\$\$ FOR THEM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are about to begin a new League year! It should prove to be an interesting and exciting one. With all the items on the November ballot we have a tremendous job to educate ourselves so that we can help educate the voters.

Besides a state ballot bulging with 13 propositions, we have two very contentious local issues this time: the Northern Plains Initiative and the Fremont Utility Users Tax.

You can help-----

If you have 5 minutes a year to spare you can pay your League dues (and include a donation.)

If you have 15 minutes a month, you can skim what your dues bought: our local Voter newsletter, the California Voter and the LWVUS Voter.

If you have an extra hour or two, you can attend a League meeting, observe an agency meeting, help Voter Service with registering voters, supplying a voter registration box or delivering Pros and Cons or the Easy Voter Guide.

If you have 4 hours a month, consider attending the Action Committee, the Education Committee, the local study of Washington Hospital, helping with the Voter Service School project or helping with the taping of our local cable program "Voting Matters."

If you have 5 or 6 hours a week, consider a Board or off-Board position. We are in need of a secretary, a membership meeter/greeter, State and National Action representatives and a facilities/hospitality person. Call me to get the full job description. Actually, the listed jobs take far less than 5 or 6 hours a week.

If we don't know you very well, please come to our September Kickoff meeting. We'll make it very easy for you to sign up for an extra activity.
—Miriam Keller

BOARD BRIEFS

At its July Board meeting which was part of the summer retreat, the Board

- ▶ chose Letha Saldanha, Ken Ballard, Syeda Yunus, Susan Gearhart plus the president Miriam Keller to be the Executive committee for 2006-2007,
- ▶ was reminded that the LWVC Workshops will be on Sept. 9 in Palo Alto,
- ▶ heard that we will also have a booth at Celebrate Fremont on Sept. 9 & 10,
- ▶ was invited to attend the LWVBA *Know Your Bay Area Day* in San Francisco on Sept. 16. Subject: Water. The \$17.50 registration will be paid by the League, and
- ▶ was told our League needs to provide the secretary for the ACC (Alameda County Council of Leagues). Joanne Landers will fill this position.

LWVFNUC ENDORSED FREMONT UTILITY USERS TAX

The Board recently endorsed the revised Utility Users Tax that will be on the November ballot and your president signed the argument in favor that will be in the sample ballot.

It will propose a 4% tax rate on your gas and electric bills, which is estimated to bring in about \$8 million annually. It will sunset in 6 years. There is an exemption for low-income households and a cap for large energy-using businesses (option of paying either one percent of their gas and electric bills or \$50,000, whichever is less.) There will be an oversight committee.

The general tax will require a majority vote (50 percent plus one vote).

**INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



The Fremont Municipal Code establishes the duties and responsibilities of the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IMWAC). The Committee was initially formed in April 1989; the regulations were amended in 1996 to its present form. The Mayor of Fremont makes appointments to the IWMAC based on applications received from members of the community.

I was appointed on September 27, 2005 as a replacement for Miriam Keller representing the League which is a Voter Advocacy Group.

The committee's duties are to advise the city council on long-range waste management policy, recycling programs, source reduction, market development for recycled materials and to perform other duties such as public education and outreach.

The current curbside "single stream" system was started in June of 2003. I did not give much thought as a renter to recycling beyond the basic usage of the bins for recycling and garbage. Probably, homeowners give more thought about what to put where because they see their bill for the service provided and share responsibility with their neighbors. Even though renters are very much aware that the area needs to be orderly, clean and odor free, their cost is included in their rent and managed by the apartment management.

Our committee had a chance to see the operation at the newly built Fremont Transfer Station on Boyce Road on July 17th. At the entrance, we could see the investment made by BLT Enterprises in constructing a facility that would have a positive impact on the community as well as reflecting that image as part of their business.

The structure itself was fascinating to me. The driveways for the entry and exit of the trucks, the bays used to deliver the material, the size of the facility and its layout were impressive. We saw the piles of sorted paper, and plastic recyclables.

We did not see the conveyor; but it was impressive to see how quickly and efficiently the newsprint, "white" paper and plastic bottles are sorted and prepared for marketing. I believe our guide said that most of the paper goes to markets in China.

Developing markets for recyclables is an ongoing process and challenge for both cities and the facilities with which they have contracts.

I hope sometime to be able to see the conveyor belt in operation. Of course, it would have to be without interrupting the process and endangering the employees operating it. We had to don hardhats for our part of the tour.

For more information about the IWMAC or the Fremont Transfer Station, please call Ken Pianin in the City of Fremont's Environmental Services Division at (510) 494-4582.

Muriel B. Nolan
July 28, 2006

ACTION COMMITTEE

Action Committee has a sub-committee working on implementing AB 537, and the following testimony was presented to The FUSD Board in July. We are asking the School Board to enforce State Law by writing policies and mandating staff training and universal curriculum that will ensure that no student or staff person is harassed for any reason.

"The League is here tonight to talk about the implementation of the California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000 because we are concerned about having a safe school environment for both students and staff.

The League feels strongly that the language of AB 537 needs to be in FUSD's policy statements, and that implementation start as soon as possible. As the Board sets strategic goals for the coming year, this issue should be given high priority.

AB 537 says that no person shall willfully injure, intimidate, interfere with, oppress or threaten any other person because of the other person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation or because he or she perceives that the other person has one or more of those characteristics.

We think that the Superintendent should put the issue on the agenda and accompany it with extensive background information and a plan for implementation.. This will put the District on the track to write policies that comply with the law and make schools safe for all students and staff. AB 537 is the law and FUSD needs to comply.

We have given you information that will be useful as you explore the best ways to bring FUSD into compliance. You have a manual from the AB 537 Task Force. The manual clearly shows what needs to be done to implement. We included Morgan Hill's policies because they are extensive. The Morgan Hill District is one of the six California districts that have lost 537 lawsuits, and the courts mandated their policies including follow-up compliance. Being proactive will avoid putting FUSD in legal jeopardy. It will be very important that FUSD's legal counsel is well informed about AB 537 so that the District receives the best legal advice. "The process for handling harassment issues needs to be addressed. As we have explored how other school districts implement the provisions of AB 537, we have seen the advantages of having an employee in the District Office designated to handle all aspects of the issue such as staff training, curriculum, publicity, complaints and compliance.. We recommend that FUSD do this so there are clear lines of responsibility and to ensure that everyone clearly understands the law so that compliance will be universal at all sites.

All staff needs to be trained to handle harassment issues and there are organizations ready to do that training. Staff training should begin as soon as possible, starting with principals before school begins in September.

The League is pleased that you are addressing this issue and giving it a high priority status"
Sub-Committee Members: Kay Emanuele, Alex Starr, Helen Boyer, Marilyn Singer



We speak to the Board of Education

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

There will be a free showing of the film, "An Inconvenient Truth" at the Niles Congregational Church on Thursday night, October 5th. The League is invited. The film will begin promptly at 7:PM. People can come a little early to buy a box of popcorn from the Youth Group and get settled in a chair by 7. Small group discussions will follow if people choose to participate.

—Marilyn Singer

VOTER SERVICE

It is election time again. Candidate filing period for the November election ended August 11th/16th. Apart from Federal and State races, we have numerous local seats in the Tri-City area up for reelection, including City Councils, School Boards, Ohlone College, BART, East Bay Regional Park, AC Transit, Washington Hospital, etc. In addition, Fremont Voters will be faced with a decision on a revised utility tax and development in North Fremont. These are all positions and issues where we, the voters, will have an opportunity, with our vote to influence decisions that will impact the quality of our everyday life.

Voter Service is gearing up to inform the public. Please stay tuned for further information as we plan and schedule events. We will also be looking for volunteers to help at these events.

Volunteers are needed for Voter Registration September 9 and 10 at Lake Elizabeth, September 24 at Centerville Presbyterian Church, 10 AM to noon.

Forums will also be scheduled in Newark, Union City and Fremont. We will need moderators, timekeepers, question sorters and an audience made up of League Members. Moderators who need it will be given an orientation.

—Letha Saldanha and Ellen Culver, co VPs. Voter Service



WHO SPEAKS FOR THE LEAGUE?

With the upcoming election season upon us, and a whole variety of local Leagues engaging in Action this fall, it seems like a good time to review the "rules of the road" with respect to League communications.

Each League should have a written policy about who speaks for the League. There are two main points to be considered in formulating such a policy:

- The person speaking must be designated by the local League board to be the League spokesperson on the matter at hand, must identify themselves as to their League position and that they are "speaking for the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City", and
- The person speaking should have no conflict of interest in the matter being addressed. This means the person moderating a candidate's forum may not be an endorser of any of the candidates appearing at that forum. If the person usually speaking for your League is employed by an organization that will benefit by League support or opposition of a measure or program topic, choose someone else to speak to that issue or lead that meeting.

What to do if someone violates your policy

The violator should be admonished in writing as to the improper use of the League's name and asked not to do so again.

What to do if a member who is "heavily identified" with the League wants to speak as an individual

The remarks should be prefaced with "I am so and so and I am speaking as an individual and not as a member of any organization to which I belong." League should not be mentioned. —LWVC

HEALTH CARE—SB 840

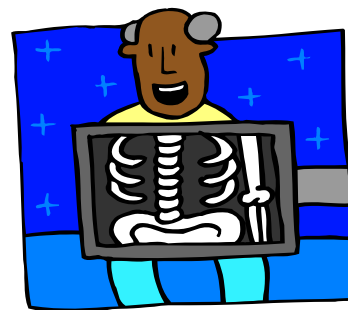
Leagues across the state have joined forces with an SB 840 sponsor, Health Care for All-California, and other coalition members to push the health insurance reform bill to the Governor's desk for passage this year. The landmark bill would reform California's health care financing system by providing affordable insurance for every Californian. The new insurance system would replace hundreds of private insurers who waste billions of health care dollars each year. Monies that health care

consumers usually pay to these private insurers and government funding that already exists would be funneled into the new state insurance program. In turn, the new state insurance fund would pay for comprehensive benefits that still would be provided by California's private health care providers.

HCA has set up the OneCareNow Campaign to coordinate the statewide effort to pass SB 840. The campaign has two strategies: a massive petition drive and the 365-days city campaign. League members can download the petitions from the campaign web site: OneCareNow.org. The petition drive will be an ongoing effort until a single payer insurance system is passed in California. Kits for tabling at public events are available from local HCA chapters.

The 365-days city campaign will begin in August and culminate with a huge rally at the state capitol in August 2007. Coalition members are organizing various events for different cities that will be held in a different city each day for 365 days. The last city campaign before the Sacramento rally will be a major event held in the state's largest city, Los Angeles.

The OneCareNow Campaign is raising money to supply activists with the tools they need for campaign work. To this end, they are sponsoring a search engine that funds the campaign \$ 0.03 each time it is used. If 10,000 activists were to use the engine twice a day for a year, \$219,000 would be raised. League members are urged to use the search engine that is Yahoo-enhanced and to ask their friends and families to do the same. One can sign on to the Prodege search engine and add it to his or her favorites list by going to www.hca.prodege.com.



2006 REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The Hyatt Residence
620 Sand Road, Palo Alto

\$25.00 registration fee and lunch will be paid by the LWVFNUC if you call Miriam Keller by September 5.

Tentative Schedule

9:15-9:45 a.m.	Registration, Refreshments, Publication Sales
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Orientation
10:00- 11:00 a.m.	League 101—Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about League
11:00-12:00 a.m.	Voter Service—How to Run an Election
12:00- 1:00 p.m.	Lunch and Topic Tables
1:00-1:45 p.m.	Membership—Getting and Keeping Members All Year Long
1:45-2:45 p.m.	Community Visibility—Connecting with Your Community
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Evaluation

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA KNOW YOUR BAY AREA DAY

Saturday, September 16, 2006

Challenges of Our Interdependent Water Systems

Come enjoy a beautiful day in San Francisco, experience breakfast and the program in the lovely baroque Marines' Memorial Club Crystal Ballroom, and learn about the politics of our water supply and the safety and security of our water systems, with a special look at the Hetch Hetchy upgrades now under way.

Sessions include

Prof. David Sunding, University of California at Berkeley, Economics: Regional Economic Importance of the San Francisco Water System

Tony Irons, Deputy General Manager, San Francisco Public Utility Commission, Water System Improvement Program: The San Francisco Hetch Hetchy Water System, the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP)

Bern Beecham, Chair, Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA): BAWSCA's Formation and Goals

Nicole Sandkulla, Senior Water Resources Planner, Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency: How are Wholesale Customers Addressing Water Conservation, Water Supply and Water System Reliability?

Tim Ramirez, Manager, Watershed and Natural Resources Division, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission: The San Francisco Creeks and Watershed Program

Dana Haasz, Convener, California Urban Water Conservation Council and Water Conservation Administrator, San Francisco Public Utility Commission: Promoting Water Conservation Regionally and Statewide

Marines' Memorial Club Crystal Ballroom

609 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
415 673 6672

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 9TH

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Program: 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment: 1:00 p.m.

Our League will pay the \$ 17.50 registration for members. Call Miriam, 510-656-9377 or e-mail her at miriamk@worldnet.att.net



Meeting	Days	Time	Chan- nel	Rebroadcast	Time	Channel
Fremont City Council	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tues.	7:00 PM	27	Wednesdays	10:00 AM	27
Fremont City Council Scheduled Study Sessions	3rd Tues.	4:00 PM	27			
Fremont Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Thurs.	7:PM	27	Following Fridays	10:00 AM	27
Fremont Unified SD	2nd & 4th Wed.	6:30 PM	27	Following Fridays	10:00 AM	27
Ohlone	2nd and 4th Wed.	7:15 PM	28	Following Thurs. Following Fridays	7:00 PM 10:00 AM	28 28
Alameda County Board of Education	2nd & 4th Wed.	6:00 PM	27	Saturday following Board Meeting	12 Midnight	27
Washington Hospital	4th Mon.	10:00 AM	27	See Note		
Newark City Council	2nd & 4th Thurs.	7:30 PM	26	Tape in Newark Library		
Newark Planning Commission	Tues. before Council Meeting	7:30 PM	26			
Newark Unified SD	1st & 3rd Tues.	7:30 PM	26			
Ohlone	2nd & 4th Wed.	7:15 PM	28	1st Mon.	6:00 PM	15
Alameda County Board of Education	2nd & 4th Tues.	6:00 PM	26	Saturday after Board Meeting	12 Midnight	26
Washington Hospital	4th Wed.	3:00 PM	26	See Note		
Union City City Council	2nd & 4th Tues.	7:00 PM	15	Following Fridays	6:00 PM	15
Union City Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Thurs.	6:00 PM	15	2nd & 4th Thurs.	6:00 PM	15
New Haven Unified SD	2nd & 3rd Thurs.	6:30 PM	27	Following Tues. & Thurs.	6:30 PM	27
Ohlone	2nd & 4th Wed.	7:15 PM	28	1st Monday	6:00 PM	15
Alameda County Board of Education	2nd & 4th Tues.	6:00 PM		Saturday following meeting	12 Midnight	15
Washington Hospital	4th Sunday	6:00 PM	28	See Note		

Note: Washington Hospital rebroadcasts its board meetings on Channel 78 three times a day. Go to www.whhs.com for listings.

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ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE K, Initiative To Change the Open Space and Restricted Industrial General Plan Designations for a Portion of Fremont's Northern Plain Planning Area to Agriculture

This Initiative applies to approximately 520 acres of land held by two owners located in Fremont's Northern Plain Planning Area. The Initiative proposes to change the General Plan land use designations of "Open Space," "Restricted Industrial" and "Private Open Space" to "Agriculture." The area is bounded by the Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel, the Southern Pacific Railroad, Paseo Padre Parkway, State Route 84, Dumbarton Quarry and the Coyote Hills Regional Park. It is adjacent to existing residential and business park developments and public open space.

The "Agriculture" designation would increase the minimum parcel size for new parcels to 80 acres. As a result, the area could be subdivided into approximately 9 parcels. New structures could cover up to 2 acres of any parcel. Uses permitted under the Initiative include: one single-family residence per parcel, grazing, horticulture, floriculture and arboriculture, but not commercial vineyards or Christmas tree farms. Some commercial recreation is permitted.

Alternatively, the Initiative allows owners to donate property west of Ardenwood Boulevard (approximately 425 acres) to public agencies, and receive, in exchange, the right to develop up to 120 residential units east of Ardenwood Boulevard.

The Initiative provides that to the extent courts determine the Initiative violates constitutional rights, including "taking" of property, the Initiative's provisions would not apply and the City would be required to determine what minimum development would avoid the constitutional violation.

The Initiative states it shall not be applied to preclude City compliance with State-mandated obligations to provide for housing. It limits the City's discretion to use the area to meet its housing responsibilities and shifts the obligation to other parts of the City (except the Hill Area), except under specified circumstances.

No substantive changes to the Initiative's regulations may be made without another citywide vote.

There are three existing land use designations on the site. Approximately 290 acres are "Open Space/Study Area/Urban Reserve" which allows 1-acre parcels and provides that the City may permit urban development under certain conditions. The change to "Agriculture" increases the 1-acre minimum parcel size to 80 acres.

Another 90 acres are currently designated "Restricted Industrial." The owner has been and will continue to be assessed by the City for its share of completed infrastructure improvements. The City could face refund claims if the owner loses the benefit of the assessment by being designated "Agriculture."

The remaining 140 acres is currently designated as "Private Open Space." This area is the subject of an existing dispute between the City and property owner and the Initiative will complicate the resolution of the dispute.

The impact of the Initiative is unpredictable. The Initiative would likely subject the City to litigation. It restricts land use and simultaneously specifies scenarios under which its restrictions might not apply. Therefore, it is difficult to determine the amount and intensity of development that may result.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K

VOTE YES on Measure K to protect the natural heritage and wildlife of Coyote Hills from a massive new housing development, prevent unnecessary street traffic, save taxpayer money, and preserve our quality of life.

Measure K was placed on the ballot by the signatures of over 13,000 Fremont residents.

Endorsers include Ohlone Audubon Society, Sierra Club, Greenbelt Alliance, Supervisor Gail Steele, and many others.

The 520 acres of undeveloped farmland, creeks, and seasonal wetlands between Coyote Hills Regional Park and the Ardenwood community (known as the Coyote Hills Natural Area) is one of the last traces of open space in Fremont. The regional park and natural area are home to a diverse wildlife population of black-tailed deer, foxes, over 170 species of resident and migratory birds, and other wildlife.

Developers have proposed a massive, high density subdivision of 1200 houses on this land. The proposed development would destroy wildlife habitats, add 18,000 daily car trips to the streets of Fremont, increase pollution, and place an unnecessary burden on local emergency services, on our schools, and on the taxpayers who fund them.

Our city has grown enormously. Left unchecked, this growth will destroy our last remaining open space and quality of life. We must act now before it's too late and the Coyote Hills Natural Area is lost forever.

Measure K enacts long-term protections for Coyote Hills' streams, wetlands, wildlife habitats, and scenic views, preserving the Coyote Hills Natural Area as a buffer of open space around Coyote Hills Regional Park. These protections can only be changed by a vote of the people.

Measure K designates the land for agriculture, uses supportive of open space, and a small number of rural homes. Please VOTE YES on Measure K to protect Coyote Hills for the people of Fremont and future generations

ARGUMENTS FOR MEASURE K

Signed by:

Evelyn Cormier-Ohlonne Audubon Society
Carin High - Representative, Citizens to Complete the Refuge
Richard Godfrey, M.D.
Vinton Bacon- Sierra Club
Mary Rodrigues

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE K

Measure K is the wrong way to plan for Fremont's future! Read the initiative for yourself.
It promises parkland. It delivers nine huge residential estates, fenced off and closed to the public.

It promises open space. It delivers mansions, ten times the size of a typical home.
It promises protection of natural species and open views. It delivers private development, no species habitat or wetland restoration, no enhancements, and no permanent protections.

Measure K could create costly consequences, including:

- ▶ Fremont taxpayers (we) are at risk to refund one property owner \$20,000,000 to repay improvement assessments.
- ▶ We are at risk to pay another property owner up to \$30,000,000 for creating an open space easement.
- ▶ Fremont could lose thousands of jobs and more than \$1,000,000 a year in General Fund revenue from lost high tech development.
- ▶ Longtime Fremont landowners lose their property rights without compensation, environmental studies, or even a fair hearing.
- ▶ The Patterson family has owned most of this property for 150 years. They created Ardenwood Park and now wish to process a creative plan dedicating 65% of their land to permanent open space, protecting the park and refuge, addressing school needs, mitigating traffic impacts, and providing affordable housing. The initiative makes this goal problematical.

State law requires a thoughtful, deliberate, democratic process for land use changes, including environmental review, economic analysis, community meetings, and public hearings.

This public process needs to be given time to work to defend the public interest, to extract permanent concessions from any applicant and to listen to the public input. An identical process created Ardenwood Park and Mission Peak Preserve.

We urge your NO vote on this ill-conceived measure which would make nine very wealthy people happy, while we struggle with the burdensome costs of this initiative.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE K

Signed by:

Bob Wasserman, Mayor of Fremont
Donna Olsen, Environmental Consultant
Gus Morrison, Campaign Manager - Committee Against the Patterson Ranch Initiative
Guy Emanuele, Retired School Superintendent/Former Fremont School Board Member
Dan Lydon, Retired Fire Chief/Fremont Planning Commissioner



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RECOMMENDS NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 1B

Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006.

Part of the bond package developed to help rebuild California's infrastructure. This bond act would raise \$19 billion for transportation improvements.

✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 1C

Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.

A bond measure to finance housing-related programs, brownfield cleanup, and parks related to infill development. The League has long been concerned about providing adequate housing.

✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 1D

Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006.

This bond measure would fund new school construction, modernization, relief of overcrowding, and other school infrastructure needs. The League supports improving California's educational infrastructure.

✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 1E

Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.

This bond measure will provide funds for flood protection, levee protection in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and storm water management. The League supports protecting our existing water supply infrastructure.

✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 84

Water Quality, Safety and Supply, Flood Control, Natural Resource Protection, Park Improvements, Bonds.

This initiative continues the League's past support of efforts to insure that California has adequate water supplies. This initiative would fund projects for safe drinking water, flood control, protection of rivers, lakes, streams, forest and wildlife conservation, and coastal protection and state parks.

✗ NO ON PROPOSITION 85

Waiting Period and Parental Notification before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.

Parents rightfully want to be involved in their teenagers' lives, and all parents want what is best for their children. But good family communication can't be imposed by government. Mandatory notification laws may sound good, but in the real world, they just put teenagers in danger.

✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 86

Tax on Cigarettes.

This constitutional amendment imposes an additional 13-cent tax on each cigarette distributed and increases taxes on other tobacco products. The estimated \$2.1 billion in annual revenue will fund children's health coverage, emergency services and nursing education for qualified hospitals, and tobacco-use prevention programs, research, and treatment of various tobacco-related illnesses. The League believes that the overwhelming social benefits of this measure greatly outweigh the potential downside of this earmarked tax.

✗ NO ON PROPOSITION 88**Education Funding, Real Property Parcel Tax.**

This measure would impose a \$50 tax on each real property parcel to create the Classroom Learning and Accountability Fund in the state treasury. While the League supports equitable access to quality education, this measure violates the League's State and Local Finances positions and is not real reform. It proposes to earmark funds via a constitutional amendment without providing sufficient funding to even bring education spending up to the national average. It also involves the state for the first time in taxing property.

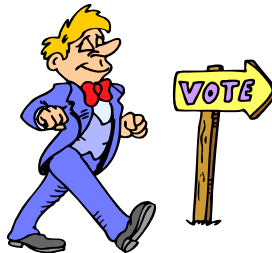
✓ YES ON PROPOSITION 89**Political Campaigns, Public Financing, Corporate Tax Increase, Contribution and Expenditure Limits.**

This measure, the California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act of 2006, would allow candidates running for office to receive public campaign funding by meeting certain eligibility requirements. Funding would be provided for by an increase of 0.2 percent in the corporate income tax rate. This measure also imposes new limits on campaign contributions, and places new restrictions on contributions by corporations and lobbyists. The League vigorously supports practices which will enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office, and which place realistic limits on campaign contributions and expenditures.

✗ NO ON PROPOSITION 90**Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property.**

This measure redefines the eminent domain process in ways that will make it difficult for government to protect the environment. It will likely increase costs to taxpayers for implementation of environmental protection laws or new consumer protection laws. The measure is, in part, vaguely worded and will likely result in extensive litigation.

The League has no position on Proposition 83 (Sex Offenders, Sexually Violent Predators, Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring) and will be neutral on Proposition 1A (Transportation Funding Protection) and Proposition 87 (Alternative Energy, Research, Production, Incentives, Tax on California Oil Producers).

VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER 7!

8/3/2006

**LWVC ENERGY POSITION APPROVED
BY LWVC BOARD 7/16/06**

Energy Position in Brief

The League supports development of a state energy policy that will ensure reliability of energy resources and protection of the environment and public health and safety, at reasonable customer rates, giving primary consideration to conservation and energy efficiency. State government should provide an efficient, coordinated energy administrative structure with open transparent procedures.

Resource Adequacy

1. The state regulatory and planning agencies, as well as the energy providers, should give primary consideration to conservation and energy efficiency. State regulation and planning should also address the critical need for demand-side management of peak power requirements including real-time pricing.
2. In acquiring new electric resources, major additional factors to consider include:
 - a. The potential for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions,
 - b. The development and deployment of renewable resources,
 - C. The contribution to the diversity of the resource mix,
 - d. The availability at times of peak power demand, and the level of support for base load power requirements.

Integrated Energy Planning

3. The state should implement an integrated energy planning process that:
 - a. Forecasts needs for transmission line and other energy infrastructure, including additional generation, storage, and investments in energy efficiency and demand-side management.
 - b. Establishes consistent statewide procedures for the set-aside of land that will be needed for future transmission corridors and other associated energy infrastructure, in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Streamlines procedures so that siting and permitting can be accomplished in a timely way.

Statewide standards

4. Statewide standards should be set for renewable resource development, demand-side management.
5. These standards should be applied to

all load serving entities, including:

- a. Municipal utilities,
 - b. Electric service providers.
- Rural electric cooperative, with accommodation made for any problems that might arise for small and/or rural providers.
- Organizational Structure. The energy planning and regulatory process should be based on coordination of functions, as well as collaboration among the existing agencies. The regulatory responsibilities (i.e., rate-setting and rulemaking) should be separated from planning and permitting functions.

Roles of the State

7. The state should regulate and oversee in-state energy facilities, including Liquefied Natural Gas terminals, through permitting, licensing, and enforcement of regulations for in-state and out-of-state providers.
8. The state should:
 - a. Conduct forecasts to assure resource adequacy and system reliability.
 - b. Use economic/market and other incentives to foster renewable energy, conservation, demand-side management, and greenhouse gas reductions.
 - C. Administer a public-interest research and development program.

Regional Planning

9. Decisions about implementation of the energy planning process should be made on a region-wide basis through a mechanism that incorporates participation by local governments.

Roles of Local Governments

10. Local governments should have responsibility to inform their citizens about developments in regional energy planning and to communicate local concerns to the regional planners.
11. Local governments should promote energy conservation, especially in relation to building codes, transportation, resource recovery, and public information.

Transparency in Decision-making

12. Greater transparency in energy policy decision-making should be promoted by:
 - a. Effective noticing,
 - b. Use of open meetings and workshops, community outreach, including funding for meetings, and extensive use of communications technologies.

Given the importance of public participa-

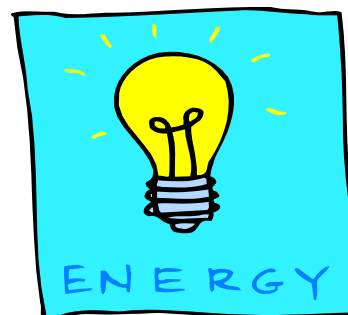
tion, agencies should be required to use plain language in all communications, proceedings, and publications.

Direct Access

14. Any direct-access (choice of a provider) policy should not result in additional costs to the remaining core customers.
15. Customers who leave the regulated system for a direct-access account should be required to pay a fair share of the costs their utility has incurred to serve them.
16. Customers who have left a regulated utility for a direct-access account and later wish to return, should be required to compensate for any negative effects their return will have on the regulated system.

Interrelationship of Energy and Water

17. Energy agencies and utilities should develop programs that will help the water sector reduce its very large consumption of electric power and fossil fuels.
18. Information about the impacts of water conveyance, treatment, and end use, including irrigation pumping, should be disseminated to the public.
19. Energy policy should recognize the important interrelationship between water use and energy use. Practices such as universal metering and economic incentives to shift load to off-peak hours should be considered.
20. Recognizing that a substantial portion of California's economy is based on agriculture, measures to reduce water-intensive crops and landscape plantings should be considered.



At the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), in 1971 the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day."

The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York.

The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality. Workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities now participate with Women's Equality Day programs, displays, video showings, or other activities..

QUIZ (Answers below)

August 26th is celebrated as Women's Equality Day to commemorate

- a. the work women did during the Second World War
- b. the anniversary of women winning the right to vote
- c. the flappers of the 1920's
- d. the contemporary women's rights movement

2. In what year did Congresswoman Bella Abzug introduced legislation to ensure that this important American anniversary would be celebrated?

- a. 1992
- b. 1984
- c. 1971
- d. 1965

3. In what year did women in the United States win the right to vote?

- a. 1776
- b. 1848
- c. 1920
- d. 1946

4. How many years did it take for women to win the right to vote in the United States?

- a. 72 years
- b. 120 years
- c. 20 years
- d. 51 years

5. Women in most of the western states won the right to vote years before the Federal Amendment was secured. This is the 90th anniversary of women in Kansas and Oregon winning the vote. What other state is celebrating the 90th anniversary of women winning the right to vote in their state.

- a. New York
- b. Florida
- c. Maine
- d. Arizona

6. What was the name given to the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which guaranteed women's right to vote in the United States.

- a. Abigail Adams Amendment
- b. Sojourner Truth Amendment
- c. Susan B. Anthony Amendment
- d. Gloria Steinem Amendment

7. Women who worked for women's right to vote were called

- a. radical
- b. immoral
- c. suffragist
- d. all of the above

- 8. The term suffragist is derived from
 - a. one who suffers
 - b. a voting tablet in ancient times
 - c. the Constitution
 - d. the Bill of Rights

9.N How many other countries had already guaranteed women's right to vote before the campaign was won in the United States?

- a. 6
- b. 2
- c. 1
- d. 16

10. What was the first country that granted women the right to vote?

- a. Canada
- b. Germany
- c. New Zealand
- d. United Kingdom

- 10. c (1893)
- (1919), the Netherlands (1919), Sweden (1919)
- gium (1919), Great Britain (1919), Ireland (1919), Luxembourg (1918), Poland (1918), Austria (1919), Belgium (1906), Norway (1913), Denmark (1915), USSR (1917), Canada (1906), New Zealand (1893), Australia (1902), Finland
- 9. d
- 8. b
- 7. d
- 6. c
- 5. d
- 4. a (from the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848 to 1920)



Answers:

MEMBERSHIP

60 members have renewed their membership. We are still waiting to hear from the others. We will be sending our renewals to the latecomers. A few faithful members have moved away. Susan Peterson is joining the League in Ashland, Oregon, Sister Elaine Marie Sanchez is moving to Oakland and will join the League there. If you want your name in our September printing of the Membership Roster, be sure to send in your dues right away and we will include you. If it is a financial difficulty, just let Sr. Marjorie know. (510-402-7442) We are able to provide scholarships.

-Sr. Marjorie Wakelin

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—Sam Neeman



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—Vesta Wilson



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Fri, Sept. 8	Education Committee	9:30 AM	Miriam Keller's home
Sat., Sept. 9	Celebrate Fremont, Hands around the Lake		Central Park
Sat. Sept 9	LWVC Workshop	9:15 AM-3 PM	Palo Alto
Thurs., Sept 14	LWVFNUC Board Meeting	7:15	Auditorium, Sisters of the Holy Family
Sat., Sept. 16	LWVBA Know Your Bay Area Day	9:00 AM—1:00 PM	See Flyer
Mon., Sept. 18	North Plains Initiative, Pro/Con	6:30 PM	Fremont Main Library
Wed., Sept. 20	Cable Taping	2:00 PM	Comcast Studios
Wed., Sept 27	Action Committee	9:30 AM	Marilyn Singer's home