

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

"Because democracy is not a spectator sport"

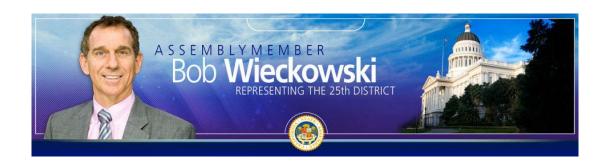
## **Call to the Annual Meeting**

Saturday, June 8, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Acacia Creek Masonic Home 34400 Mission Boulevard Union City, California 94587

Ask the Acacia Creek Masonic Home Gatekeeper for Directions to the Meeting Room.

Full Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.—\$12.25 Enjoy listening to our Guest Speaker, Bob Wieckowski and participate in our second annual auction during breakfast.



Please let us know if you will be attending the breakfast and/or meeting by responding to the Evite you received via email or emailing Sets Amann directly at setsamann@pacbell.net no later than May 30th as the Masonic Home needs an accurate count for breakfast.

Payment for breakfast should be made via check made out to LWVFNUC at the meeting or prepay by credit card from your Evite response.

Pre-payment of annual dues is encouraged. A drawing for a free 1 year membership (2014-2015) will be held for all prepaid members at the meeting.

If you wish to attend the meeting only please arrive by 10:15 a.m. Guests are invited.

The meeting should conclude by 11:15 a.m.

Please bring this Annual Meeting Packet with you to the Meeting.

## June 8, 2013 Annual Meeting Order of Business

Call to Order Miriam Keller

Introductions

Introduction of Parliamentarian

Credentials Report Carolyn Hedgecock

Adoption of the Rules of the Day Miriam Keller

Adoption of Order of Business Miriam Keller

President's Report Miriam Keller

Treasurer's Report Peter Starr

Presentation of Proposed Budget Peter Starr

Motion, Discussion and Adoption of Budget

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw Sam Neeman

Changes - Proposal, Discussion and Adoption

Report of the Nominating Committee Sam Neeman

Nominations from the Floor Election of Officers and Directors

Introduction of the New Board and Miriam Keller

Directions to the New Board Members

Adjournment

## **Rules of the Day**

#### **VOTING**

Voting is limited to members of the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City. Each member shall be entitled to one vote only. Absentee or proxy voting is not permitted.

## **QUORUM**

A quorum for the annual meeting shall consist of 15 percent of members.

#### ADOPTION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND RULES OF THE DAY

A majority vote is required to adopt the Order of Business and the Rules of the Day. Both the Rules of the Day and the Order of Business may be amended by a majority vote before adoption. After adoption, a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to make changes.

#### DEBATE

Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker. No person may speak twice to a question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

## ADOPTION OF BUDGET

A majority vote of members present and voting is required to adopt the budget.

# ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting is required to amend the bylaws.

#### NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Immediately following the presentation of the nominating committee report, nominations may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

The privilege of the floor is extended to guest members from other Leagues. This includes participation in discussion and debate but not in voting.

# **Proposed LWVFNUC Budget 2013-2014**

## Revenue

Category Description	9 Months YTD	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Comments
Dues	*	*	*	*
Assessed Dues	6,035.00	6,420.00	6,120.00	Based on current membership (Approx 110)
Less: Scholarships & Offsets	(135.00)	(120.00)	(120.00)	*
<b>Unrestricted Donations</b>	*	*	*	*
Member Donations	400.00	1,000.00	400.00	Need Active Fund Raising
Restricted Donations	*	*	*	*
Non Ed Fund Donations	1,400.00	*	300.00	Donations Specified for a Particular Purpose
Ed Fund Member Contributions	730.00	800.00	700.00	Must be a Separate Check
Fundraising	*	*	*	*
Election Services	370.00	150.00	200.00	Poll Workers
Home Owner Assoc. Elections	1,816.00	500.00	1,000.00	Home Owners Association Elections
Voter Registration	516.56	1,000.00	1,000.00	Funds expected from Registrar of Voter
Other Income	11.29	*	25.00	Miscellaneous Revenues
Reserves	*	3,380.00	5,115.00	Amount needed to break even
TOTAL REVENUES	*	15,360.00	14,740.00	*

Expenses

Category Description	9 Months YTD	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Comments
EXPENSES	*	*	*	*
Operating Costs	*	*	*	*
Office Rent	335.00	275.00	335.00	Our Share of Estimated Costs for Running the Office
Office Supplies & Equipment	5.06	50.00	50.00	For our League Office
P.O. Box Rent	*	100.00	115.00	P.O. Box Rental Fee
Telephone	504.39	600.00	800.00	For Office and Answering Service
Taxes & Fees	*	20.00	20.00	California filing fee as a non-profit Corporation
Insurance	249.00	250.00	250.00	Liability Insurance offered through state league
Internet	*	165.00	160.00	Web-site Hosting & Domain Registration
Credit Card Fees	43.95	40.00	50.00	Payments to PayPal for processing credit card payments

<b>Category Description</b>	9 Months YTD	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Comments	
Board & Admin Committee	*	*	*	*	
President	*	50.00	<b>50.00</b> Expenses that the President may incur		
Board Expenses	*	100.00	100.00 Includes print costs for Board, Observers, and Annual Retreat		
Membership Committee	*	150.00	150.00	Membership Outreach	
Membership Brochure	*	*	200.00	Printing Expenses	
Membership Directory	202.46	250.00	250.00	Handbook & Postage	
Delegate Travel (Estimate)	*	*	*	*	
Conventions	*	1,500.00	2,000.00	Even Years are National, Odd Years are State	
Workshops	95.00	150.00	150.00	Costs for members to attend meetings not in Tri- City Area	
Financial Support for League	*	*	*	*	
PMP - National	3,270.50	3,300.00	3,300.00	Per Member Fee \$28.00, Household \$14.00	
PMP - State	2,426.50	2,500.00	2,500.00	Per Member Fee \$22.00, Household \$11.00	
PMP - LWVBA	105.50	110.00	110.00	Per Member Fee \$1.00	
Meetings	*	*	*	*	
Meeting-Hospitality	70.61	100.00	100.00	Coffee, Food, Beverages, Etc.)	
Annual Membership Meeting	*	50.00	50.00	Printing of Meeting Handouts, Speaker's Breakfast	
Meetings-Facilities	*	250.00	250.00	Room Charges for Meetings and/or Donations	
Internal Education/Info.	*	*	*	*	
Voter Newsletter	1,365.64	1,800.00	1,800.00	Expenses to publish VOTER, including Postage and call to Annual Meeting	
Program Committees	*	50.00	50.00	Studies (Energy, Local, Etc.)	
Ed Committee	*	50.00	50.00	ED Source Subscription	
Action Committee	*	50.00	50.00	Advocacy and Outreach	
Publicity	*	50.00	50.00	Flyers	
Public Education Activities	*	*	*	*	
Smart Voter	*	400.00	400.00	Smart Voter Donation	
Voter Service/Pros&Cons	151.22	50.00	150.00	Local Pros & Cons, Easy Voter Guide	
Voter Service Forums	1,708.93	1,500.00	1,000.00	Candidate forums, Room Charges, Projects, etc.	
Facts for Voters (Fanfold)	*	100.00	* Printing Expense Every Other Year		
Fund Raising	*	*	* *		
Fund Raising Committee	*	100.00	100.00	Expenses for Fund Raising Programs	
Other Expenses	479.48	100.00	100.00	Expenses that May Occur Ocationally	
TOTAL EXPENSES	*	15,260.00	14,740.00	*	

## **Proposed Article of Incorporation and Bylaws Amendments**

League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City Inc.

## **General Background**

The procedure for amending our League's bylaws is set forth in Article XIII of the Bylaws. To pass, the proposed amendments must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting at the Annual Meeting. There are no similar procedures governing the amendment of our League's Articles of Incorporation, but the Board of Directors has concluded that generally the same procedure should be followed for both types of amendments.

To facilitate your deliberation, the proposed amendments are set forth below along with the recommendations of the Board of Directors recommendations for action on these amendments. Language to be deleted is indicated by a strikethrough effect. New language is indicated by underlining.

Members are asked to consider two (2) proposals, (1) to amend the League's articles of incorporation and (2) to amend the League's bylaws. Both of these amendments are related to our League's proposed conversion to tax exempt status under §501(c)(3), which is explained in more detail in the enclosed material.

## Proposal No. 1: Amendment to Article I of the Articles of Incorporation

Proposed and Recommended for Approval by the Board of Directors.

<u>Article I:</u> The name of this Corporation is League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City.

## Proposal No. 2: Amendment to Articles IV and V of the Articles of Incorporation

Proposed and Recommended for Approval by the Board of Directors:

That the following articles of the Articles of Incorporation be amended as follows, provided, that these amendments shall not be filed with the California Secretary of State until the Board of Directors, in consultation with LWV California, is confident that the Internal Revenue Service will approve the League's application (as part of the LWV California) group exemption request) to convert to tax exempt status under §501(c)(3) following the implementation of these amendments:

## **Proposed Article of Incorporation and Bylaws Amendments**

## **Article IV:**

This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

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## **ARTICLE V**:

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to civic league purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private person.

In the event of the merger or dissolution of the Corporation for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of the Corporation shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the Corporation and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

## Proposal No. 3: Amendment to Article II and VII of the Bylaws

Proposed and Recommended for Approval by the Board of Directors:

That the following articles of the Bylaws be amended as follows, provided, that these amendments shall not be effective until the date of certification by the California Secretary of State of the amendments to the League's Articles of Incorporation described above:

## **Proposed Article of Incorporation and Bylaws Amendments**

## Article II, Purpose and Policy. Section 1. Purposes.

The purposes of the League are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. The League is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the League shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

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## Article VII, Section 9. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution.

In the event of the merger or dissolution of the League for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of the League shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the League and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

# Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of nominees for election as officers and directors.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term</u>
President	OPEN	2013 - 2015
Secretary	Carolyn Hedgecock	2013 - 2015
Voter Services V.P.	Andrea Schacter	2013 - 2015
Administrative V.P.	OPEN	2013 - 2014 <sup>1</sup>

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Action Committee Chair	OPEN	2013 - 2015
Director of Communications	Kirti Reddy	2013 - 2015
Historian	Isabelle Mc Andrews	2013 - 2015
Membership Chair	Sets Amann	2014 - 2015
Voter Editor	Alex Starr	2013 - 2015
Director at Large	Kathy Bray	2013 - 2015
Director at Large	Steve Cho	2013 - 2015

We also submit the following to serve on the 2014 Nominating Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE	Nominee	TERM
Chair	Gail Blalock	2014
Member	Martha Crowe	2014
Member	Pauline Weaver	2014

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Board resignation - 1 year only

# Nominating Committee Report

The following table includes the maximum number of Officers and Directors that may be nominated to the LWVFNUC Board of Directors in both even & odd years plus members working off board.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Member</u>	Nominated Term
President	Open	2013 - 2015
Secretary	Carolyn Hedgecock	2013 - 2015
Voter Service V. P.	Andrea Schacter	2013 - 2015
		ELECTED TERM
Program V. P.	Ellen Culver	2012 - 2014
Treasurer	Peter Starr	2012 - 2014
Administrative V. P	Open <sup>2</sup>	2012 - 2014

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Member</u>	Nominated Term
<b>Action Committee Chair</b>	Open	2013 - 2015
<b>Director of Communication</b>	Kirti Reddy	2013 - 2015
Historian	Isabelle McAndrews	2013 - 2015
Membership Chair	Sets Amann	2013 - 2015
Voter Editor	Alex Starr	2013 - 2015
Director at Large	Kathy Bray	2013 - 2015
Director at Large	Steve Cho	2013 - 2015
		ELECTED TERM
Director Social Media	Daria Wagganer	2012 - 2014
Director at Large	Jean Holmes	2012 - 2014
Director at Large	Pat Lewis	2012 - 2014
Director at Large	Mary Miller	2012 - 2104

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Board resignation - 1 year only

## **Nominating Committee Report**

Our League is fortunate to have many volunteers. This list does not include all the many volunteers who participate in one or many of the following groups on an as needed basis.

Help with any of these committees or teams by contacting the committee chair or any member of a committee or team.

#### **Committees:**

**Action Committee: Chair: Open** 

Sets Amann, Jean Holmes, Miriam Keller, Sam Neeman, Andrea Schacter, Marilyn Singer, John Smith, Alexandra Starr

**Education Committee Chair:** Miriam Keller

Gail Bryan, Diane Cheney, Ann Crosbie, Martha Crowe, Dianne Jones

**Homeowners Association Election Committee: Chair:** Jean Holmes

Barbara Friedrich, Miriam Keller, Joyce Mueller

#### **Teams:**

Administrative Team, working with the Administrative V. P.: Kathy Bray, Sam Neeman

Membership Team, working with the Membership Chair: Sam Neeman, Peter Starr

**Voter Services Team working with the Voter Services V.P.:** David Fishbaugh, Pat Lewis, Joyce Mueller, Marilyn Singer

**Web Master & Database Administrator:** Peter Starr (in addition to his role as Treasurer)

Please see our web site, www.lwvfnuc.org, calendar of events for meeting times.

Respectfully,

The Nominating Committee:

Sets Amann Gail Blalock Sam Neeman Andrea Schacter

# The Board gratefully acknowledges the following League & Community Members for their support in the past year:

#### **Auction Donations:**

Sets & Regis Amann, Alex & Peter Starr, Supervisor Richard Valle, Holly & Barry Walter, LWVFNUC 2013 Board Members, The Olive Hyde Art Guild, The Niles Pie Company

## Fourth of July Parade:

Jane Mueller - Funded LWVFNUC sponsorship of the 2013 Fremont 4th of July Parade.

## **Additional Donors:**

David Bonaccorsi Jean Holmes Elinor Smith

Lucienne BouvierAlice JohnsonJeffrey SpencerKathy BrayMiriam KellerAlexandra StarrMavis BrownJoanne LandersKathy Steel-Sabo

Suzanne Chan Pat Lewis Gail Venti

Sarabjit Cheema Lynn Locher Holly Bell Walter Ellen Culver Charlotte & John Lowrey Pauline Weaver

Annette Crosbie Anne Macleod

Susan Gearhart Lily Mei