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Call to the Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 6, 2015

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.—\$13.50
Sign in begins at 8:45 a.m.



This year's Keynote Speaker is Congressman Mike Honda, representative of the 17th Congressional District since 2000. Mr. Honda currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee, including its subcommittees on Commerce, Justice, and Science and Energy and Water Development.

Please let us know if you will be attending the breakfast and/or meeting by responding to the Evite you will receive via email or by emailing Sets Amann directly at setsamann@pacbell.net no later than May 31st.
Acacia Creek needs an accurate count for breakfast.

We request you pre-pay for breakfast by credit card from your Evite response or from the link on our website at lwvfnuc.org. You may also pay at the meeting by check made out to LWVFNUC.

Pre-payment of annual dues is encouraged (\$60 individual, \$30 additional household member). A drawing for a free 1 year membership (2015 -2016) 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 11:00 a.m.
June 6, 2015 Annual Meeting Order of Business

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Call to Order	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Introductions	
Introduction of Parliamentarian	
Appoint Minutes Approval Committee	
Credentials Report	Sets Amann
Adoption of the Rules of the Day	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Adoption of Order of Business	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
President's Report	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Convention Report	Sets Amann/ Evelyn LaTorre
Treasurer's Report	Peter Starr
Presentation of Proposed Budget	Peter Starr
Motion, Discussion and Adoption of Budget	
Adoption of Recommended Program	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Re-adoption of local and regional positions	
LWV Studies	
Consideration and Adoption of Action Priorities (Issue for Emphasis)	
Report of the Nominating Committee	Gail Blalock
Nominations from the Floor	
Election of Officers and Directors	
Introduction of the New Board	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Advice to the Board	
Update from last year	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neman
Direction to the Board	
Adjournment	

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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 BY-LAWS

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

ADOPTION OF PROGRAM

Debate and voting on proposed program will occur first, then on non-recommended items in the order in which consideration was voted. Wording of local program items may be amended by a majority vote of members present and voting, provided that the amendment does not enlarge the scope or change the intent of the program item.

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.

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Presidents' Report to the Membership - June 2015

This fiscal year we first focused on the November General Election with the Voter Services, Voter Information Booklet (VIB) and Communications teams all in high gear. Our League participated in voter registration, including National Voter Registration Day, held 11 Candidate/Issues Forums and produced and distributed VIBs for all three cities. We could not do this without the dedication of the leadership team and members. Forty percent of the membership volunteered at one or more of these events – thank you for your participation. All this work was recognized with a Voter Service Award from the LWV California and presented to us at the Convention in San Diego.

Additionally the Board, Action & Program teams took action and coordinated meetings largely guided by our members. Members recommended we focus on campaign finance reform, gun violence prevention, voting rights and the environment at the January 2014 Program Planning meeting. We urged Action on a number of these areas using our newly revamped **Take Action page** on our website and provided comment to the IRS urging they improve regulations to stop abuse by fly-by-night 501(c)(4) organizations acting only as an arm of campaigns. Our Voter newsletter focused on climate related topics in the Bay Area including water.

We held six general meetings starting with our kick off where members got to meet Helen Hutchinson, the new LWV CA President. Other meetings covered the In and Out of Water, Housing in Fremont, Washington Township Health System Board, Gun Violence Prevention, an update on the Alameda County Healthcare System, and Fremont's Climate Action plan.

Our League provided testimony to four agencies for Sunshine Week and one to the Alameda County Water District urging them to work with builders to include water conserving measures into new building projects.

It wasn't all work and no play. We had a membership social at the Nile Pie Company in August, a volunteer thank you night in October, our Holiday Pot Luck (and Program Planning) in December, a new member social in May and Movie Nights in January and April.

Several members attended the LWV Bay Area League Day focused on Climate Change. Evelyn LaTorre, Sets Amann and Alex Starr represented us at the LWV CA Convention. Carolyn and Sam continue to keep us coordinated with the Alameda County Council. The most important advocacy work out of Council this year was our support for Measure BB, the extension and increase by 1/2¢ of an Alameda County transportation tax. This measure passed in the November election.

At last year's Annual Meeting you gave advice to the Board to collaborate with other organizations, have a political theme to Movie Nights and sponsor an anti-bullying program. We followed this advice collaborating with the League of Women Voters in San Jose and Cupertino for the 17th Congressional Election Forum, with Tri-City Ecology on Movie Night, with the Tri-City Branch of the Alameda County Brady Campaign on

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our program regarding the issue of Gun Violence Prevention, with the AC Library and AAUW on An evening with the Washington Township Health System Board, and with the AC Library on Water In and Out and Fremont's Climate Action plan. We had movies that focused on our community and environment topics. We did not manage to put on an anti-bullying program this past year.

We will not be having an auction this year as we ended out fiscal year with a surplus mainly due to our VIB team whose efforts to inform voters is also one of our major fund raising projects; this year was particularly successful. Additionally the Communications Team focused on cutting expenses by encouraging members and non-members to receive the Voter newsletter electronically with their "Go Paperless" campaign. This cut Voter related expenses by about \$2000/year.

We've already begun to focus on next year. Our Program Planning Chair will review recommendations from the December 15th Program Planning meetings.

As we are in a non-election year, it's a great time to engage in studies and with one of our teams. We look forward to another exciting year.

Thank you all and see you at the meeting.

Carolyn Hedgecock
Sam Neeman

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Category Description	Actual 9 Months	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Comments
REVENUE	*	*	*	*
Collected Dues	5,820.00	5,900.00	5,900.00	Based on current membership (Approx 110)
Unrestricted Donations	*	*	*	*
Member Donations	468.52	400.00	1,000.00	Combined with former member Ed Fund and Memorial Donations
Restricted Donations	*	*	*	*
Fundraising Activities	*	*	*	*
Election Services	69.83	*	100.00	Poll Workers
Home Owner Assoc. Elections	736.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Home Owners Association Elections
Voter Registration Affidavits	516.56	1,000.00	1,000.00	Funds expected from Registrar of Voter
Voter Information Book	8,000.00	2,200.00	*	Profit from Candidate Information Books Published in Election Years
Other Income	*	*	*	Miscellaneous Revenues
Interest	*	20.00	20.00	Earnings on CD Account with Fremont Bank
Reserves	*	4,840.00	5,505.00	Amount needed to break even
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>15,859.46</u>	<u>16,860.00</u>	<u>14,525.00</u>	
EXPENSES	*	*	*	*
Operating Costs	*	*	*	*
Office Rent	625.00	700.00	700.00	Our Share of Estimated Costs for Running the Office
Office Supplies & Equipment	*	50.00	50.00	For our League Office
P.O. Box Rent	*	120.00	120.00	P.O. Box Rental Fee
Telephone	511.60	600.00	600.00	For Office and Answering Service
Taxes & Fees	490.00	870.00	20.00	IRS fee for 501(C)3 conversion California filing fee as a non-profit Corporation
Insurance	*	290.00	300.00	Liability Insurance offered through state league
Website Services	215.40	300.00	300.00	Web-site Hosting, Domain Registration, and Gmail
Bank Charges	*	50.00	*	New Checkbook and other fees
Paypal Fees	15.44	50.00	65.00	Payments to PayPal for processing credit card payments
Admin and Membership	*	*	*	*
President	*	50.00	50.00	Expenses that the President may incur
Board Expenses	97.12	100.00	100.00	Includes print costs for Board, Observers, and Annual Retreat
Membership Committee	*	150.00	100.00	Membership Outreach
Membership Brochure	*	200.00	300.00	Printing Expenses
Membership Directory	274.96	250.00	300.00	Handbook & Postage

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Conventions and Workshops	*	*	*	*
Conventions	*	2,000.00	2,000.00	Even Years are National, Odd Years are State
Workshops	*	150.00	150.00	Costs for members to attend meetings not in Tri-City Area
Financial Support for League (PMP)	*	*	*	*
PMP - National	3,007.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	Per Member Fee \$31.00, Household \$15.50
PMP - State	2,231.00	2,300.00	2,500.00	Per Member Fee \$25.50, Household \$12.75
PMP - LWVBA	96.50	110.00	100.00	Per Member Fee \$1.00
Supported Memberships	90.00	120.00	120.00	Scholarships, Free Renewals from Drawing at Annual Meeting, other free memberships granted by the Board.
Meetings	*	*	*	*
Meeting-Hospitality	197.62	100.00	200.00	Coffee, Food, Beverages, Etc.)
Annual Membership Meeting	22.88	50.00	250.00	Printing of Meeting Handouts, Speaker's Breakfast, Printing and Postage for the Call to Annual Meeting
Meetings-Facilities	127.20	250.00	250.00	Room Charges for Meetings and/or Candidate Forums
Newsletter and Committees	*	*	*	*
Voter Newsletter	820.62	1,500.00	500.00	Expenses to publish 10 issues of the Voter, including Postage
Program Committees	*	50.00	50.00	Studies (Energy, Local, Etc.)
Ed Committee	*	50.00	50.00	Various Studies
Action Committee	*	50.00	50.00	Advocacy and Outreach
Publicity	50.00	50.00	50.00	Flyers
Smart Voter and Voter Service	*	*	*	*
Smart Voter	*	800.00	800.00	Smart Voter Donation
Voter Service/Pros&Cons	43.60	400.00	400.00	Local Pros & Cons, Easy Voter Guide
Voter Service Forums	1,290.83	2,000.00	1,000.00	Candidate forums, Room Charges, Projects, etc.
Facts for Voters (Fanfold)	*	50.00	*	Printing Expense Every Other Year
Other Expenses	250.00	50.00	50.00	Expenses that May Occur Occasionally
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>10,456.77</u>	<u>16,860.00</u>	<u>14,525.00</u>	

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Proposed Program and Issues for Emphasis League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City

General Background

Our League has local government, environment, social and education positions. Alameda County Council has positions on children's health and Alameda County education. Positions are the basis for any action or advocacy by the League.

No changes to our existing local positions were suggested by members or the Board for the coming year.

Members are asked to consider re-adopting all local positions. The full text of all local positions can be found in the Membership Directory and Information Handbook or on our website at: www.lwvfnuc.org/public/localpositions.pdf.

Members are further asked to re-adopt all LWV Bay Area positions. These can be found at: www.lwvbayarea.org/advocacy.html#positions

League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City held a Program Planning Meeting on December 15, 2014. Fifteen members participated. At this meeting members agreed to participate in two studies:

1. *LWV CA Higher Education* This study will be headed by Miriam Keller. Please see our April Voter with more information on this study.
2. *Money in Politics* This is a LWVUS study. We have yet to find a leader for this study. If you are interested in this topic and want to learn more, please contact president@lwvfnuc.org.

At that same meeting members sent the following Issues for Emphasis to the LWV US:

1. Campaign Finance Reform
2. Gun Violence Prevention

Members also wanted emphasis at the state and local level on:

1. New ways to obtain funds for affordable housing to replace the use of redevelopment funds.
2. Novel suggestions for campaign financing on a state level
3. Allocation of water resources in California emphasizing agricultural vs. urban use of water.

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Action Group Watch List 2015-2016

Education and Juvenile Justice

- Monitor impact and implementation of State legislation on our local schools.
- Monitor local magnet programs and charter schools.
- Monitor land use issues with regard to school facilities, especially near TOD.
- Encourage implementation of AB 537, the Safe Schools Act of 2000.

Land Use

- Monitor Fremont Central Business District issues including Washington Healthcare District and the Family Resource Center.
- Monitor Patterson Ranch issues.
- Monitor Warm Springs land development issues near BART and former Nummi plant.
- Monitor issues of private open space (in Fremont).

Ongoing

- Monitor local elected and appointed bodies including issues and Brown Act compliance.
- Continue to support the development of affordable housing.
- Assist Voter Service with forums and facilitate public education on issues in local elections.
- Renew "Voting Matters" as a social networking product.
- Conduct LWVC legislative interviews. Post on the website.
- Interview newly elected or appointed officials in the Tri-City area and post online
- Support use of LWVC Community College positions.
- Monitor local implementation of environmental quality issue with an emphasis on water.

Alameda County

- Monitor Measure A. (Health Issues).
- Monitor AC Transit and local and regional transit plans including BART to Warm Springs, Dumbarton Rail and transit hubs.
- Monitor implementation of Measure B..
- Monitor mental health issues and services.
- Monitor County School Board.
- Monitor Alameda County budget especially with realignment concerns.

LWVBA

- Monitor local decisions for regional impacts in housing, transportation and land use through implementation of Plan Bay Area.
- Send a representative to the LWVBA Interleague Network.
- Monitor Hetch Hetchy bonds and governance issues.
- Monitor air and water quality issues.

LWVC

- Support LWVC legislative priorities and Calls to Action.
- Support state study of public higher education.
- Advocate for Sustainability and climate control using vertical positions.
- Support State positions on Money in Politics, Education, and Health Care and Water.

LWVUS

- Support Money in Politics, Election Administration Reform. Also Climate, Environmental Protection, Immigration and Health Care Defense. Support study of Amending the Constitution.

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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	2015 - 2017
Voter Service V.P.	Sets Amann	2015 - 2017
Secretary.	Mary Miller	2015 - 2017

<u>DIRECTORS</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Voter Editor	Alex Starr	2015 - 2017
Communications	Sam Neeman	2015 - 2017
Membership Chair	Evelyn La Torre	2015 - 2017
Director at Large	Kathy Bray	2015 - 2017
Director at Large	Sue Lemke	2015 - 2017
Director at Large	Carolyn Hedgecock	2015 - 2017
Historian	Open	2015 - 2017
Director at Large	Open <i>(previously held by Pat Lewis)</i>	2014-2016
Director at Large	Open <i>(previously held by Jean Holmes)</i>	2014-2016

We also submit the following to serve on the 2016 Nominating Committee

<u>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Chair	Gail Blalock	2016
Member	Andrea Schacter	2016
Member	Open	2016

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The following table includes the maximum number of Officers and Directors that may be elected to the LWVFNUC Board of Directors in both even & odd years.

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>NOMINATED TERM</u>
President	Open	2015 - 2017
Voter Service V.P.	Sets Amann	2015 - 2017
Secretary	Mary Miller	2015 – 2017
		<u>ELECTED TERM</u>
Program V.P.	Ellen Culver	2014 – 2016
Administrative V.P.	Miriam Keller	2014 - 2016
Treasurer	Peter Starr	2014 - 2016

<u>DIRECTORS</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>NOMINATED TERM</u>
Membership Chair	Evelyn La Torre	2015 - 2017
Voter Editor	Alex Starr	2015 - 2017
Communications	Sam Neeman	2015 - 2017
Director at Large	Kathy Bray	2015 - 2017
Director at Large	Carolyn Hedgecock	2015 – 2017
Director at Large	Sue Lemke	2015--2017
Historian	Open	2015--2017
		<u>ELECTED TERM</u>
Director at Large	Marsha Parker	2014 - 2016
Director at Large	Alice Johnson	2014 - 2016
Director at Large	Open (<i>Pat Lewis</i>)	2014 - 2016
Director at Large	Open (<i>Jean Holmes</i>)	2014 - 2016

Membership Renewal Envelope Enclosed

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