

Help Decide League Positions on Ballot Measures What to Support, what to Oppose for the General Election

All Member Meeting

Wednesday, July 20 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Northbrae Community Church, Parlor Room
Berkeley

You must be an LWVBAE member
with dues current as of July 7 to participate



LWVBAE 2016 – 18 President Deborah Malbec hoists our state sign with Price on Carbon Caucus leaders Diz Swift, Jan Blumenkrantz and others to direct the 107 state delegates to the Plenary floor, LWVUS 2016 Convention, Washington [Story p.7]

LWVUS 52nd National Convention Credentials Report

Total number of Leagues including ILOs: 762

Eligible voting delegates possible: 1512

A Quorum is 20% (302) and at least 25 states represented

June 18, 2016: Number of Voting Delegates: 685

Number of States rep'd: 48 plus the District of Columbia and Virgin Islands, 29 non-voting, 90 volunteers, 21 staff

Outgoing President Nancy Bickel Reflects on League Accomplishments



“Your term as President really helped connect the League with more parts of the community...Thank you so much for reaching out to the diverse people of Berkeley and the Bay Area.” This recent note from a Berkeley Council Member surprised and touched me.

Diversity: Over the past three years, connecting with the larger and more diverse community was a primary goal of our Board. This past year we have begun to see results. After several years of working with BOCA (Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action), the Berkeley NAACP, PTAs and schools - by co-sponsoring candidate debates and registering voters, we've found some good ways to help organizations achieve their own goals - using their own people and methods.

For example, we all want to encourage young people to actually vote, but **studies show that potential voters respond much more effectively when they feel they are being asked to vote by people who belong to “their own” group - their neighborhood or their ethnic or language or age group.** The League is still doing direct tabling to register voters and we're also encouraging groups to develop and carry out their own plans by using our publications or other assistance as needed. [See Voter Services *Election Season Timeline* p. 5].

When I joined the League in 1976, our local League had about 400 members, among them older African-American women, many of whom had joined in the early 1940's when then President Ruth Scheer had invited Frances Albrier to join. Until then, white and black women's organizations had been separate, though often seeking the same goals. As members of the African-American community spoke up more boldly demanding their civil rights, they tended to form and join their own civil rights organizations. League *Con't, p.2*

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Welcome New Members

Nanci Armstrong-Temple	Emily Ladner
Charles Austin	Moni Law
and Carmelita Garner	William McCoy
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- Mina Jenner, Membership

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diversity declined. Also, as more women worked full time they didn't have as much time-energy to work with League or other volunteer organizations. Since the 1970's, men continued to play a role in our League.

[Read more about Ruth Scheer and Francis Albrier on our website at <http://www.lwvbae.org/league-news/frances-albrier-first-african-america-member/>]

Growth: This year, for the first time, we hired a membership growth consultant - Adena Ishii, a recent UC Berkeley graduate, whom we had honored in 2014 with the "Spirit of the League" award. She saw our \$75 membership fee as a big barrier to joining, so we have just introduced a free first year membership option - And the number of new members has begun to increase. [See p.4]

Engagement: Now our job is to draw these new members into League activities and to combine their interests, skills and passions with the League's strong backbone of public policy positions and effective education and advocacy.

Moving Forward Together: Although I am retiring from the Board, as are Treasurer Sarah Miyazaki, Program Coordinator Lessly Wickle Field, and Jill Martinucci, who withdrew March 1, we will continue to work with the excellent new Board to achieve our goals. Deborah Malbec will move from Communications Coordinator to President, Voter Services Coordinator Phyllis Gale and Action Coordinator Diz Swift will continue their outstanding work on the new Board, as will Secretary Christine Wenrich. Past President Jinky Gardner has already returned to the Board as Membership Coordinator. New to the Board are Regina Beatus, who has been leading the Climate Change Team very successfully, and Preston Jordan, who is active on environmental and other issues in Albany and has become active in the League. New to League and the Board will be Treasurer Emily Beckhusen and Margo Schueler. [Read more about these Board members at <http://www.lwvbae.org/our-board/>]

I have been welcomed and befriended by League colleagues ever since I joined in 1976 and I have in turn welcomed and befriended others. I know that our new Board members have many skills, much energy and generous spirits. They will welcome new and longtime members and, with their help, continue "making democracy work."

Your know-how and energy are essential to our future success -- please volunteer for tasks -- whether large or small.

- Nancy Bickel

Welcome from In-Coming President Deborah Malbec



Wow! What an honor and a challenge to be chosen to take over the reins as president of the Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville League. I may have the reins for steering this buggy, but it will take all of you to help pull it!

We are all grateful and praiseful about the performance of Nancy Bickel, our outgoing president. And I am happy to announce that Diz Swift, our Action Committee Director and Phyllis Gale, our Voter Services Director, will serve as Vice Presidents. The three of us will work closely together as a leadership team.

My first task has been to replace myself on the Communications Team. Sasha Lippman has already seamlessly taken over the publication of the weekly eBlast. Emma Ishii is taking over the management of the calendar. And Nancy Bickel will continue to work on as Web Editor. We are still seeking at least one more participant to help write and manage our website LWVBAE.org.

Goals for the year:

We will take advantage of our growing new membership achieved by the efforts of Membership Development Consultant Adena Ishii: by encouraging and involving both these new members and existing members to get actively involved in the League's activities.

First up, to prepare for the November election with all the tasks described elsewhere by the Action and Voter Services Teams [See Election Services and Ballot Measures pp. 5 and 6].

One function of the League is to perform as a

government watchdog by attending and reporting on city and regional boards. Let's get more members to attend at least one meeting a quarter and then to report on what transpired.

We need to organize online storage of photos and build our historical record. Let's share that task. I challenge ALL members to take three photos of EVERY League activity they participate in and send them to social@lwvbae.org for organization and storage.



Post election goals:

- Grow our programming so that we have at least two public programs each month in addition to all of the team meetings.
- Enhance our collaboration and cooperation with the University of California. The University Community is a big part of the Community as a whole. And it is a source of knowledge and information AND potential membership growth.
- Add diversity in both membership and our activities
- - We have recently formed a new team focusing on Civics Education
 - Another possible team could focus on Affordable Housing and Development.
 - A share of our meetings needs to begin after 5 PM so that working people can participate.
 - Follow through on our newly adopted Policy on accessible meeting places.

Our membership is growing and new opportunities come with that growth. It is an exciting time as we participate in building an even stronger League in the 21st century.

- Deborah Malbec, President

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has fought since 1920 to improve our government and impact public policy through citizen education and advocacy. The League's enduring vitality comes from its unique decentralized structure working at the national, state, and local levels. The League neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties at any level of government. While the League's legislative priorities change to reflect the needs of society, our organization remains true to its basic purpose: to make democracy work for all citizens. For more about the League's advocacy goals, take a look at our *Impact on Issues* at the local, state and national levels. [LWVUS](#) [LWVC](#) LWVBAE

Save September 15 7 - 9 pm
Fall Meeting
Speakers and Dessert
Northbrae Community Church, Berkeley
Come meet fellow members
short Membership Business Meeting

Join the League!



JOIN DURING the current 2016-17 League year! Our members adopted new membership rates at our May membership meeting--**including a free first year membership rate.** Past members renewing or reinstating their membership will remain \$75 for first household members and \$40 for each additional member. Renewing student

members will be charged \$20. A free "affiliate, non-voting members under 18" option was also added.

New Member Socials are planned for every month. The next socials will be July 27 and August 24 from 7 - 9 pm at the YWCA at 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 94704. We invite current, new, and potential members to join us, share their stories, and learn more about the League.

Eight new and potential members came to our first New Member Social on May 25 at the YWCA on Bancroft Avenue. They included our recent Spirit of the League Award winner, Charles Austin, and his wife Carmelita Garner, Megan Micco and Andi Kotrozo, both mothers that are interested in civic engagement, Jessica Del Castillo, a UC Berkeley Political Science student, Emma Ishii, a Public Policy student at Mills College, Beverly Kent, a recent retiree from the Berkeley School District, and Moni T. Law, who is also interested in civic engagement. Moni is co-director of the Berkeley NAACP Youth Council and has worked with the League in that role.

The new membership invitations were distributed and a panel of "Experts" (long time, engaged League members) spoke, while everyone enjoyed appetizers and drinks. Experts, including Nancy Bickel, Roberta Spike, Deborah Malbec, and Jinky Gardner, shared their first interactions with the League, how they're currently involved, and what they love most about the League. Many wonderful stories were shared that showcased their passions. Roberta Spike shared her story of joining the LWV: "When I graduated from college, my professor told me that every woman who graduated from college *had* to join the League." Above all, our experts discussed what the League is and what we do to help new and potential members understand how they can get involved.

If you have any questions about membership, or if you would like to join the Membership Team and help us engage with our new members, please call or email, Jinky Gardner, Membership Coordinator at 510-548-5292 or membership@lwvbae.org or Adena Ishii, Membership Growth Consultant at 818-620-5821 or social@lwvbae.org.

If you're joining the League for the first time you have the option this year of joining for FREE

Regular and Returning Member \$75
Additional Household Member \$40
Student Member \$20
First Year Membership Option FREE
Affiliate Non-Voting Members under 16 FREE

Please Tell Us Issues You Care Most About:

- ✓ Fighting/Ensuring Disclosure of Money in Politics
- ✓ Protecting Right to Vote from Voter Suppression
- ✓ Working for Single Payer Health Care
- ✓ Fighting Against Global Warming
- ✓ Help Students Participate & Understand Government
- ✓ Reform CA Tax and Budget System
- ✓ Other

Please Tell Us Activities You'd Like to Join:

- ✓ Discuss Policy Issues
- ✓ Hear Speakers on Policy Issues
- ✓ Work with a Committee
- ✓ Organize Community with/for League
- ✓ Receive/respond to Email Lobbying Alerts
- ✓ Lobby Legislators on League Issues
- ✓ Train as a Speaker on League Issues
- ✓ Join Telephone Tree to Remind Members of Events
- ✓ Work on Community Luncheon Planning
- ✓ Write/Edit for League Publications and Website
- ✓ Design/Photograph for League Publications and Website
- ✓ Train League Members in Needed Skills
- ✓ Provide Office, Computer, Other Help
- ✓ Other

Please sign up as a new member online at www.lwvbae.org/join/ Just fill in the form, click submit and you are done. If you are not able to sign up online, send your request with your Full Name, Address, Phone and Email to LWVBAE, 2530 San Pablo Ave. Suite F, Berkeley, CA 94702-2000

Telephone: 510-843-8824

Email: membership@lwvbae.org

Election Season Timeline



The Election season is upon us – the time when the League of Women Voters shines. We have the opportunity to make a real difference by registering and educating voters and advocating for our positions. The Action and Voter Services Teams are gearing up with a variety of tasks and events.

June-July – *Determine Positions on Ballot Measures:* We have already begun evaluating ballot measures (see story p. 6). The process first involves getting information on the potential measures, determining if there are some for which we won't have a position (such as some housekeeping measures), then developing summaries with pros and cons for members only. We do so by interviewing opponents and proponents of each measure in teams of two League Action Team members. We then meet in an all member meeting on July 20, 7:00-9:00PM at the Northbrae Community Church to get member input on the measures. The Board will determine our final positions and any measures we want to strongly advocate for or against.

August: If we determine we want to be a signatory on any measure, we will work with City government and appropriate co-sponsors to draft ballot pamphlet language.

August – *Busy Voters Guides (Pros and Cons):* Using the Members Only Pros and Cons as a starting point, the Voter Services Team will develop a balanced, non-partisan summary of each measure and write Pros and Cons. These are critical to our mission; they are published and used as the basis for non-partisan voter education that proceeds until the election.

September-October: This is the heart of the election work with many tasks and events. It's also one of the most exciting and fun times to be in the League.

Voter Registration will continue with tabling at events and Farmers Markets, work at schools and with organizations such as the [La Peña Cultural Center](#) and many others.

Voter Education will proceed by publishing our Ballot Measure *Pro-Con Busy Voters Guide* online and in print, and by speaking on local and California measures at organizations and meetings throughout Berkeley-Albany-Emeryville.

Advocacy will be for those ballot measures that we strongly support or oppose. We will speak at debates, join coalitions and campaigns, table at events and Farmers Markets, distribute information and flyers, publish OpEds if appropriate, and other outreach efforts.

Debates and Forums are currently planned to include:

Mayor and Council Candidate Forums: These are planned as live meetings in council or school board venues in Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville, to be filmed and posted on the web. They will be moderated with a series of questions that each candidate will answer. The Berkeley Mayor forum may be in the auditorium of the Berkeley Community College with other organizations co-sponsoring.

U.S. Senator Debates: We have been in talks with U.C. student groups to coordinate a debate by candidates for U.S. Senate, California Attorney General Kamala Harris and U.S. Representative Loretta Sanchez. They hope that the Pauley Auditorium with seating for 900 can be reserved. This is being worked with LWV-California.

Election season is fun and an opportunity to meet interesting people and learn. Be a part. Join the Action or Voter Services Teams – or both!

- Diz Swift (Action Team) and Phyllis Gale (Voter Services Team)

Ballot Measures Abound

Our work is cut out for us this election season to evaluate, summarize, publish, educate and advocate for the many measures potentially on the ballot. There are currently nine potential measures for Berkeley and five for Albany, excluding “housekeeping” measures. Emeryville has no local measures. We will know all measures on the ballot near the end of July.

Berkeley Measures:

BSEP (Berkeley Schools Excellence Program) Parcel Tax: Parcel tax, first passed in 1986 has been extended every 10 years and is up for renewal. The tax revenue currently provides 20% of the funding for the Berkeley Public Schools.

Redistricting Commission Charter Amendment: Charter amendment to form a citizens redistricting commission independent of the City Council for determining districts following each ten-year census.

Housing for Persons of Low-Income: Authorizes public entities to develop, construct or acquire additional units of low-rent housing for persons of low-income, according to California Constitutional requirements. This measure does not approve specific housing projects or commit City funds to any housing project.

\$100 MM Infrastructure Bond: A 40-year bond measure for maintenance and improvements to city infrastructure and facilities.

Increase the Business License Tax on Owners of Five or More Residential Rental Units: An increase to the business license tax on owners five or more rental units, prohibiting pass-through of the tax to most tenants, and with some exemptions. Proceeds of the additional revenue would be used for affordable housing.

Business License Tax on Rental Property is a competing measure with lower taxes and fewer restrictions. This measure is not qualified for the ballot at this writing, but is expected to qualify.

A Charter Amendment and Ordinance to Create a Public Campaign Financing System: Creates a public campaign financing system for candidates for City Council and Mayor. Donations of \$50 would be required but would be matched 6:1 with City funds. The cost is estimated at \$500,000 annually.

Increasing Berkeley Minimum Wage and Providing for Paid Sick Leave There are two versions of this measure. At this writing potential additional City Council action may either negotiate a single measure for the ballot or put competing measures on the ballot.

Amending Rent Ordinance: Adds tenant favorable restrictions including: prohibit owner move-in evictions of families with children during the academic year; increase the amount of relocation assistance required for owner move-in evictions; clarify protections for elderly/disabled tenants; and others.

Albany Measures:

Property Tax to Fund Sidewalk Maintenance: Parcel tax to provide funding for sidewalk and associated maintenance. Includes an exception for low-income property homeowners.

Soda Tax: A tax structured similar to the Berkeley soda tax, but without creation of a separate advisory body.

Measure D Reform: Eliminate voter-authorized code requirement for two off-street parking spaces per new residential unit; Council will have authority to set parking policy.

Measure R Reform: Eliminate the requirement to direct a specific percentage of revenue from this Landscape and Lighting Assessment District (1996) to just three categories. Broadens to include other categories.

Elimination of Board of Education Term Limits Amendment: Charter amendment to eliminate term limits for Board of Education members.

Voting Rights A Key Topic at LWVUS 2016 National Convention in Washington



Voter restriction was a key topic at the LWVUS National Convention in Washington. With the 2013 Supreme Court decision that gutted a key section of the Voting Rights Act, many states have passed restrictions on voting that will prevent hundreds of thousands of citizens from voting in the Fall 2016 General Election.

Strategies to get out the vote in spite of the restrictions, and many discussions of what to do next, were talked about in groups large and small. Members of our League met with Congress Member Barbara Lee who asked us to write a letter to her office expressing our views on the Voting Rights Act issue. We will work with LWVUS to provide ideas.

A series of excellent speakers reinforced the shift in our democracy seeing lower turnout, lack of engagement – especially of millennials, loss of respect for members of congress (they rank below cockroaches, colonoscopies and root canals, but above the Ebola virus on a recent poll), and a general decay of citizen involvement. Not a cheerful trend, but perhaps a genuine wake up call.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law and American University's Women & Politics Institute

speakers joined NPR's *Power Money, and Influence Correspondent* covering campaign finance and lobbying, Peter Overby, and New York Times reporter Amanda Taub, whose writing focuses on political and national identity around the world, the nature and functioning of authoritarian regimes, and women's rights.

A concurrence vote for a national position on redistricting met with significant debate, but passed on a card vote. The position provides the ten states that do not currently have a redistricting position the ability to lobby for redistricting and oppose gerrymandering.

- Diz Swift and Deborah Malbec



LWVBAE convention delegates: Diz Swift, Adena Ishii, Deborah Malbec, Christine Wenrich, and Gail Schickele



Put A Price on Carbon Caucus with LWVBAE Action Chair Diz Swift and other State delegates, LWVUS 2016 Convention



LWVUS convention delegates gather for the daily plenary

A Year of Action



The year has been highlighted by advocacy at many levels and across a number of topics, with a focus on climate change. Adding to the effort as elections approach, we are ramping up with advocacy for ballot measures in the Primary Election and preparing for the General Elections.

Climate Change: Our League has been actively working on climate change issues for over a decade, with advocacy at all levels.

Local: Advocating for a local tax on natural gas in Albany. Participating on the Berkeley Climate Action Coalition Steering Team, with upgrading of Community Choice Energy (CCE) from the local to the county level. CCE is now being considered by Alameda County, rather than Berkeley alone.

Regional: Advocating for Measure AA (*on June 7 primary ballot*) to mitigate flooding related to sea level rise; the measure won by 75%. Monitoring the Bay Area Air Quality District meetings and activities. Connecting with realtors and others to promote increased energy efficiency in buildings.

State: Strong advocacy for SB 350 which passed in 2015, requiring an increase of renewables in California's electricity portfolio to 50% by 2030, and an increase in energy efficiency in buildings by 50% by 2030. Monitoring SB 32, which would extend the landmark AB 32 goals to 2050.

National: Leading a national League effort to put a price on carbon emissions at state and regional levels (*see PriceonCarbon.org*).

Albany Action: Our activity in Albany has increased significantly this year. In addition to the effort to get an increased **utility users tax** on methane, we have supported **multi-seat ranked choice voting**, and school bond measures.

Emeryville Action: We have a report on Emeryville at every Action meeting and have initiated a look at how proximity to public transportation affects property values and associated tax rates, based on Emeryville concerns.

Berkeley Action: Expressed concern to Mayor and Council regarding the weakening of the **Section 8** program administered by the Berkeley Housing Authority, and urged attention and action. We supported the measure to have an **independent redistricting commission** for Berkeley in a manner mirroring the California method, which the LWVC strongly supported. We also worked with a coalition to get **public campaign financing** on the ballot for November.

Election Action: In the **primary election** we advocated for California Prop 50, Bay Area Measure AA and Albany bond measures B and E – all passed. Advocacy included passing out nearly 2000 flyers, work with the Measure AA coalition, and tabling at the Berkeley Farmers' Market. We are in process of evaluating the ten potential Berkeley measures and eleven potential Albany measures for the **general election** [See story p. 6], and building a joint plan with Voter Services for the election season [See story p. 5].

- Diz Swift, Vice President, Action

General Proposals to Reduce Greenhouse Gases, by Sector, for the 2016 Clean Air Plan



Transportation

- Support Transit, Biking, and Walking
- Make Cars, Trucks, Highways Efficient
- Move Goods Efficiently and Cleanly

Water

- Reduce Water Use
- Reduce Water Treatment Plant Emissions

Natural and Working Lands

- Increase Carbon Sequestration; Plant Trees

Stationary Sources

- Reduce Emissions from Oil Refineries

Short Lived Climate Pollutants

- Reduce Methane, Black Carbon, Fluorinated Gases

Agriculture

- Improve Soil Management
- Reduce Ag Waste Emissions

Waste

- Decrease Compost Emissions
- Divert Waste, Recycle

Energy

- Decrease electricity demand
- Decarbonize Electricity Production

Buildings

- Increase Building Energy Efficiency
- Decarbonize Building Energy Use

Source: League of Women Voters of the Bay Area and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Fact Sheet

LWVBAE Natural Resources: Environmental Concerns Speaker Series 2015-16

September, California Natural Resources Agency Assistant Secretary for Climate Change **JR DeLaRosa** reported on their Climate Change Symposium co-sponsored by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), cutting-edge climate research, discussion on the current drought and potential impacts on agriculture, sea-level rise and storm surge in San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, plus measurement of carbon emissions from major cities.

October, Malcolm Potts, Cambridge-trained obstetrician, reproductive scientist and the first Fred H. Bixby endowed chair in Population and Family Planning at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health, addressed **population**. As first Medical Director of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, he introduced family planning methods into scores of developing countries. As CEO of Family Health International, he launched the first large-scale studies of maternal mortality, which helped start the worldwide Safe Motherhood Initiative. His most recent book is *Sex and War: How Biology Explains War and Terrorism and Offers a Path to a Safer World*.

November: Soil Sustainability in an Era of Climate Change by **Dick Strong (Voice of the Soil)**. A former soil scientist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and Director of Commodities for the California Farm Bureau, who also helped start the Northern California farmer's market movement with the American Friends Service Committee, Strong addressed organic vs. conventional farming among other soil issues.



December: Annual Appetizer and Dessert Potluck FIRST RUN Movie Screening of Naomi Klein's *This Changes Everything*, based on her bestselling book, showing powerful community portraits as Klein connects carbon emissions with the economic system that put them there. Throughout the film Klein builds to her most controversial and exciting idea: that we can seize the existential crisis of

climate change to transform our failed economic system into something radically better.

January: overview of the **Paris Climate Talks** by **Tom Kelly**, founder and executive director of Kyoto USA that

encourages local governments, school districts and communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and **Claire Greensfelder**, from the women's Global Call for Climate Justice, a coalition of more than 24 international environmental, women's and human rights networks, both in Paris for the COP21* climate talks. [*United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties 21st meeting]

February: How the East Bay Got Its Eucalyptus and Pine Forests, and The Benefits and Responsibilities of Owning Urban Forests with **Jerry Kent**, former assistant general manager with the East Bay Regional Park District. Originally open grassland with fringes of trees, the Bay Area native landscape was too barren for some early East Coast settlers, so, Bay area hills underwent large-scale tree planting projects between 1870 and 1910. In the East Bay in 1895 one man planted trees to forest 13,000 acres for homes in the hills and 3,000 acres for timber.

March: Save The Bay Executive Director **David Lewis** – who is also is on the board of Citizens for East Shore State Park (CESP) - on their ongoing work. In honor of STB co-founder Sylvia McLaughlin we recalled the environmentalist's accomplishments. A long-time member of LWVBAE and Environmental Concerns, McLaughlin hosted many meetings in her home. She is a "Spirit of the League" honoree, and The Eastshore State Park has been renamed in her honor.

In **April** for **Earth Day** we welcomed **Sarah Diefendorf**, LWVC board member and environmental advocate who presented: "**Messaging the Environment**," giving us some history of the LWV on climate change issues as well as a Q & A about effectiveness in addressing climate change with the LWV at all levels, local, state and national.

Our final meeting of this cycle in **May** featured **Sustainability and Justice in the Next American Metropolis; A conversation with: Dr. Margaret Paloma Pavel**, President and founder of Earth House, a multicultural media and learning center for environmental and social justice in Oakland, and author of *Random Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty* and *Breakthrough Communities*; Joining her was **Carl Anthony**, founder of Breakthrough Communities to build multiracial leadership for sustainable communities nationwide. A Senior Ford Foundation Fellow at U.C Berkeley Department of Geography, his new book is *The Earth, the City and the Hidden Narrative of Race* examining connections between fields of environmental justice, community development and the changing face of global urbanization.

- Carol Stone and Gail Schickele

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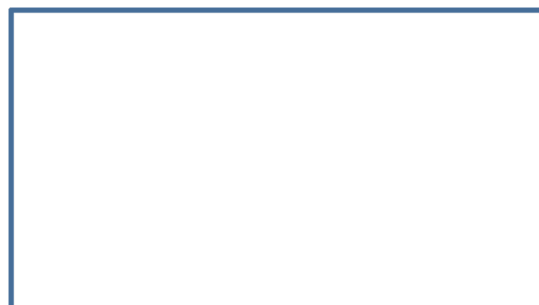
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July		Area code is (510) unless noted	
9 Sat	1:30-4:30p	SF Mime Troupe LWV Picnic	D. Malbec 883-4657
		<i>Live Oak Park, Berkeley</i>	
14 Thu	7:00-9:00p	Action Team Meeting	D. Swift 548-4808
19 Tues	7:00-8:30p	Climate Change Team	R. Beatus 524-6904
20 Wed	7:00-9:00p	All League Action Meeting	D. Swift 548-4808
		<i>Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley</i>	
21 Thu	10:00-11:30a	Civics Education Team	R. McDonald 524-8961
25 Mon	10:30a-12:00p	Voter Services Team	P. Gale 508-4389
27 Wed	7:00-9:00p	LWV Member Social	A. Ishii 818-620-5821
		<i>YWCA Berkeley, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley</i>	
August		Sept.-Oct. VOTER Deadline	G Schickele 415-922-6627
1 Mon		League Board Meeting	D. Malbec 883-4657
1 Mon	7:00-9:00p	Civics Education Team	R. McDonald 524-8961
3 Wed	4:00-5:30p	Voter Services Team	P. Gale 508-4389
8 Mon	10:30a-12:00p	Action Team Meeting	D. Swift 548-4808
11 Thu	7:00-9:00p	Voter Services Team	P. Gale 508-4389
15 Mon	10:30a-12:00p	Cal Voter Registration	P. Gale 508-4389
16 Tues & 17 Wed		Civics Education Team	R. McDonald 524-8961
17 Wed	4:00-5:30p	BHS Voter Registration	R. McDonald 524-8961
22 Mon	9:00a-3:00p	Voter Services Team	P. Gale 508-4389
22 Mon	10:30a-12:00p	League Board Meeting	D. Malbec 883-4657
22 Mon	7:00-9:00p	LWV Member Social	A. Ishii 818-620-5821
24 Wed	7:00-9:00p	Voter Services Team	P. Gale 508-4389
29 Mon	10:30a-12:00p	Fall Meeting	D. Malbec 883-4657
September			
15 Thu	7:00-9:00p		