



League of Women Voters Berkeley Albany Emeryville

The Voter

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October 2012

Conversation: The State Ballot Measures

Four League members will present the ten state propositions on the November ballot and answer your questions at the October Conversation. If there is time, we will also discuss the two Alameda County measures.

When: Tuesday, October 9, from noon to 2:00

Where: Albany Public Library, Edith Stone Room
1247 Marin (at Masonic), Albany

Do take advantage of the opportunity to discuss these complicated measures.

LWVC Initiative and Referendum Update Study

At the LWVC Convention in May, 2011, delegates adopted an update of the Initiative and Referendum Process in California. Meetings will begin after the 2012 presidential election. The study committee divided into subgroups, each taking a topic to research:

- History of the initiative and referendum process, with an emphasis on California
- Description of the initiative and referendum process as it exists today in California.
- A comparison of other states and how they are using the processes for direct democracy
- Identification of key issues with the processes
- Ideas or methods for reforming the process.

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Make Your Reservation Now for the Fall Meeting September 27

Join us for the Fall Meeting on Thursday, September 27 to hear the candidates for contested Berkeley City Council Districts 2, 3 and 5 discuss their views on Berkeley city government issues and answer your questions.

When: Thursday, September 27, 2012, 5:00-8:15 pm

Where: Northbrae Church, 941 The Alameda,
Berkeley

At 5:00 members of our active League teams [our new name for committees] will tell you about their work in a poster session and invite you to participate in their activities for the coming League year.

At 5:30 Rainy Sykes, our own gourmet chef, will serve us coq au vin, tossed salad, and carrot cake. If you wish to eat with us, (and surely you will) the cost will be \$15. Call the office at 843-8824 to make a reservation and pay us later at the door.

After all this tasty food for palates and minds, the main event will start at 6:15. with presentations by the City Council candidates Adolfo Cabral, Denish DeLane, Darryl Moore, Maxwell Anderson, Dmitri Belser, Laurie Capitelli and Sophie Hahn. They will also respond to your questions.

Carol Stone, Program Director

The League of Women Voters of California is not publishing its Pros and Cons on paper this year. You may download them to read or print at
<http://www.cavotes.org/vote/pros-cons-pdf>

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The group will create community education and outreach materials, with the help of some as-yet-to-be-identified grant money.

There are many ways to find out more about the study, and join in the ongoing discussion:

A Facebook group—League of Women Voters of California Initiative and Referendum Study

On the League's website, there are two pages on the I and R Study, a public page at <http://ca.lwv.org/lwvc/issues/initiative-and-referendum.html>

and a members only page, where the study committee will update its list of articles and reading materials, at ca.lwv.org/lwvonly/studies/2011-initiative-and-referendum/index.html. If you are interested in participating in this Update Study, please contact Carol Stone, LWVBAE Program Coordinator at seastone11@hotmail.com or call the LWVBAE office or sign up at the Fall meeting on September 27.

We have not had a state study for several years and this promises to be a fascinating one.

Carol Stone, Program Coordinator,

Advocate for League Positions

We are gearing up in earnest for the fall campaigns. You can play a part in the action. We need advocates who are willing to speak for our positions and speak to groups on the key ballot measures—both California and Berkeley. The campaigns need the respected voice of the local League. Key measures include:

Berkeley

Measure M (Streets and Watersheds Bond)	YES
Measure R (Redistricting Charter Amendment)	YES
Measure U ("Sunshine" Initiative)	NO
Measure V ("FACTS" Initiative)	NO

California Measures

Prop 30 (Brown tax measure)	YES
Prop 32 (Special Exemptions aka Pay Check Protection Round 3)	NO
Prop 34 (Abolish the Death Penalty)	YES
Prop 40 (Support the Redistricting Commission's maps)	YES

If you want to help in our advocacy, please contact me, Linda Swift, 548-4808. Let's make a difference.

Diz Swift, Action Coordinator,

Join the Health Team Action

The Health Committee is helping coordinate the California League's health reform campaign, as part of the statewide coalition for single payer, the Campaign for a Healthy California. We are focusing on developing ongoing relationships with influential members organizations that might join the campaign. The team will be showing The Healthcare Movie, narrated by Kiefer Sutherland, which compares Canadian and U.S. health care. When the Legislature is back in session in 2013, we will pick up our lobbying for SB 810, the California OneCare bill. Join our work; contact me, Li-Hsia Wang, 848-5765.

Li-Hsia Wang, Health Team Chair

Vote Climate with California!

The Climate Team wants climate to be a real issue in this election. We are sending climate questions to candidates in as many forums as we can reach. We are developing relationships with other Leagues across California and the U.S. to energize grass roots efforts, building a library of resources, including written opinion pieces, presentations and ideas that are accessible through the LWVC website. Join the team on September 24 at 1:30 pm when we will host the LWV Climate Team from Woodlands to share and coordinate actions or come to our October meeting. Contact me Regina Beatus for more information at 524-6904.

Regina Beatus, Climate Team Chair

Focus on the Student Courts With the Civics Education Team

The Civics Ed Team is exploring how to be helpful to a student court project at Berkeley High and in the middle schools. BHS has been running a student court where fellow students judge their peers for misbehaviors serious enough for school administrators to consider suspending the culprit. The student court hands out a sentence appropriate to the deed and tries to develop social responsibility, not just punish the infraction. After their trial, the students must obey the sentence and then serve on a jury in the trial of a fellow student. This type of restorative justice has been very successful in other cities and is expanding in Berkeley. Josh Daniels, the School Board member who helped found the BHS Court has

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enthusiastically suggested many ways the League team can contribute. Be in at the start! Contact me, Jinky Gardner, 548-5292..

Jinky Gardner, Chair Civics Ed Team

Making Democracy Work

October is our chance to make this new national League motto work in Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville.

Volunteer to Register Voters

Sunday Oct. 14 at "Open Streets"

Shattuck Avenue from Haste to Rose will be closed to traffic with fun for all. We'll have a table to register voters. Come give us a hand.

Before Oct. 22 register voters in your neighborhood, at your club, church, synagogue, mosque. Contact Phyllis Gale to sign up and for info p2gale@gmail.com or phone 548-0591.

State Pros & Cons will not be published on paper this year; you can read them on line at www.cavotes.org/vote/pros-cons-pdf

Easy Voter Guide in English print copies will be available at our office or you can read or download in many languages. Don't forget to scroll down at <http://www.easyvoterguide.org/>

SmartVoter.org gives you info on your polling place and all the candidates and measures on your ballot.

New! Berkeley Candidates two minute video statements on SmartVoter.org. Candidate forums and spots for Berkeley Mayor, Districts 2, 3 & 5 & school board candidates will be shown on Berkeley Community Media cable channels 28 & 33 and on line—streamed at betv.org and on ATT U-verse—and on YouTube.

Tell your neighbors, friends and colleagues where to find this valuable nonpartisan election info—it's just a click away on your smart phone or computer. They will thank you and the League.

Nancy Bickel, Communications Coordinator

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Calendar—Berkeley addresses unless otherwise noted

September

27	Thur	5:00-8:15 pm	Northbrae Community Church 941 The Alameda	C. Stone	549-0959
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October

2	Tue	1:00-3:00 pm	Board Meeting LWVBAE Office 2530 San Pablo Ave	S. Smith	548-1769
5	Fri	5:00 pm	<i>Voter</i> Deadline	D. Swift	548-4808
8	Mon	7:00-9:00 pm	Environmental Concerns 1174 Euclid Ave	C. Stone	549-0959
9	Tue	noon-2:00 pm	Conversation: State Ballot Measures Albany Library 1247 Marin Ave, Albany	C. Stone	549-0959
12	Fri	1:30-3:00 pm	Civics Education Team LWVBAE Office 2530 San Pablo Ave	J. Gardner	548-5292
14	Sun	11:00 - 4:00 pm	Sunday Streets—Shattuck Ave closed to cars League Table to Register Voters	P. Gale	548-0591
15	Mon	1:30-3:30 pm	Health Care Team	L. Wang.	848-5765
23	Tue	1:30-3:30 pm	Climate Change Team LWVBAE Office 2530 San Pablo Ave	R. Beatus	524-6904

November

6	Tue	7 am-8 :00 pm	ELECTION DAY		
9	Fri	1:30 pm-3:30 pm	Civics Education Team LWVBAE Office 2530 San Pablo Ave	J. Gardiner	548-5292

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