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NOT A PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

At the last Board meeting, we appointed a Program Vice President, so we are now ready to undertake previously neglected Program activities. These include participation in the LWVUS and LWVC studies which were approved at their last conventions.

The first such study is an evaluation of the National Popular Vote (NPV) Compact for electing the US President.

The League has a long-standing position in support of the direct election of the president by popular vote. Now, all local Leagues and their members have the opportunity to consider whether the NPV Compact allows a viable process to achieve that result. The NPV Compact would avoid the need for a constitutional amendment abolishing the Electoral College (EC), and it would assure that the individual receiving the most popular votes would become president.

The LWVUS study in which we are hoping to participate is an evaluation of the NPV Compact. We will need volunteers to join a study committee to review the material sent to us from LWVUS, then make a presentation to our members at "consensus meetings" where we will try to come to a consensus on whether the League should support the compact.

When this national study is completed and if it gives LWVUS the authority to actively campaign for the National Popular Vote Compact, we could be making history. We know that League support has influence with the voters. If the study finds that the LWVUS cannot support it, then we need to go back to seeking a constitutional amendment. In either case, we would be doing important League work and having a good time at it.

If you are interested in joining such a committee, or if you would like more information before deciding whether to join, please call me at 510.524.9088 or send an email to me at jeansafir@comcast.net. I can send you a sample of the background material, and we can also start setting a schedule for meetings. We need to get our study findings in to LWVUS by **May 1, 2009**, so there is no time to lose.

Jean Safir
Program Vice President



MESSAGE FROM LWVUS PRESIDENT MARY G. WILSON

The League, like the rest of our nation, is faced with difficult economic times and at our meeting we addressed the impact of our financial situation on the work of the League. I am happy to say that although we are having to tighten our belts to accommodate a downturn in financial support and investment losses, the League is more fortunate than other nonprofit organizations. Our highly visible and very successful work during the 2008 election season resulted in fairly good receipts of revenue during two of the last three months of the fourth quarter of 2008.

The LWVUS Board has developed a roadmap, which we believe will guide the League through the nation's recession and into the period of recovery. Part of that plan includes making two decisions that change longstanding features of the League. First, after requesting and receiving feedback from State League presidents, the LWVUS Board voted to hold a "virtual" Council in June 2009 rather than an "in-person" meeting. The Board recognizes the drawbacks to this type of meeting. But, I hope we can all put aside the drawbacks and see the exciting possibilities this holds for the LWVUS and all Leagues around the country. It is a terrific chance to explore and experience new communications technologies that we can make use of in future projects to expand even further our ability to reach out to each other and to the public. It will also provide the opportunity for State Leagues to expand their members' participation in the Council meeting that otherwise would be available to only 100 or so members.

The date will be Saturday, June 13, beginning at 1 pm (EDT) and lasting approximately four hours. Over the next few weeks, much more detailed information will be forthcoming to State Leagues as we work out the details and finalize a program. You won't have to buy any fancy new equipment in order to participate – a computer with high speed Internet access and a speaker phone are the basics! Questions can be sent to *Cheryl Graeve* at cgraeve@lwv.org or Board Member *Mary Klenz* at klenzm@bellsouth.net.

The second hard decision we made was to suspend publication of *The National Voter* magazine (paper and digital) until the League's finances are healthier. Publication costs for *The Voter* are prohibitive in a time of budget cutbacks. The Board, the LWVUS staff and I are all committed to making lemonade out of this lemon by finding new ways to deliver information to you, our members and supporters. We will keep you informed as we move forward. You can help us do that by making sure that as many members as possible receive these weekly Updates. Please share them with all your members and remind them to send us their e-mail addresses. Comments and questions can be sent to Board Member *Nancy Eitrem* at neitrem@speakeasy.net.

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Many thanks for remembering your League.

Louetta Erlin
Donations Secretary

A NEW VISION FOR THE DELTA

The newly released Delta Vision Implementation Report was discussed at the January 12 Environmental Concerns meeting in a presentation by Keith Coolidge, Chief Deputy Director of the CalFed Bay-Delta Program at the Natural Resources Agency. Improved governance, water conservation, emergency preparedness, storage facilities, and a system of dual water conveyance through and around the Delta are among major strategies to achieve co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration and protection in the Delta Vision Committee's report submitted to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on January 2, 2009.

According to the report, achievement of goals for the Delta has eluded existing governing entities for decades. (The California Bay-Delta Authority, a mix of state and federal agencies and public members created in 2003, has been judged in several independent reviews to be largely ineffective, its failure attributed to a lack of statutory authority to enforce priorities and an inability to direct policy through a budgetary approval process.)

Proposed is establishment of an Interim Delta Policy Group composed of the Secretary for Resources; Secretary for Food and Agriculture; Secretary for Business, Transportation and Housing; Secretary for Environmental Protection; President of the Public Utilities Commission; Director of the Department of Water Resources; Director of the Department of Fish and Game; Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board; an elected official chosen by the five Delta counties; and federal participation at the highest appropriate level. The group is intended to be in place for 12 months and until a long-term governance structure is in place.

Recommended actions with ready authorization include near-term water conveyance improvements, including evaluation and construction on Delta gates and barriers; surface storage feasibility studies and environmental assessments to identify preferred reservoir location and size, operations under climate change conditions, cost, and benefits; development of a Delta Economic Plan; aquatic invasive species control; flood protection and emergency response improvement; and federal designation of the Delta as a National Heritage Area.

Completion of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDGP) will ensure that water exports comply with species protection laws and water quality standards, increase exported water quality, increase fish populations and protect water supplies against earthquakes and floods. To strengthen the Delta levee system, the California Public Utilities Commission and California Department of Transportation will conduct by 2012 a comprehensive analysis of costs and benefits of infrastructure protection strategies,

including those identified in the Delta Risk Management Strategy.

The Delta Policy Group will continue to work with the Legislature to place a comprehensive water bond package on the next statewide ballot so that critical regional and state infrastructure and ecosystem restoration projects can move forward. Financial incentives and technical assistance through the Integrated Regional Water Management Plans and Local Groundwater Assistance Program will improve surface and groundwater monitoring and data management.

Continued funding for the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) and finalization of the ERP Conservation Strategy assures completion of several ecosystem projects. The Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing and Secretary for Food and Agriculture are directed to work with Delta counties and the Delta Projection Commission to develop a Delta Economic Plan by 2011 to support increased investment in agriculture, recreation, tourism, and other resilient land uses.

Actions requiring authorization include large-scale habitat restoration; conservation improvements; expansion of surface and groundwater storage; water rights accountability; water use reporting; plan for appropriate land uses for at-risk areas; and long-term levee planning.

As reported in the LWVBAE Bay Area Monitor (Solutions for a Delta in Crisis, October, 2008), it's been widely recognized that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region is in serious long-term crisis. To address the crisis and avert disaster, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force in 2006 to develop the long-term sustainable "Vision" for the Delta by December 2007 and an implementation plan by December 2008. The report is posted on the Delta Vision website at <http://www.deltavision.ca.gov/>.

*Gail Schickele, Co-Chair
Environmental Concerns*

NEW MEMBERS

Our Warmest Welcome
To Our Newest Members:

- Suzanne Conrad*
- Julie Holcomb*
- Josephine Maxon*
- Beverly Peters*

And To Rejoining Member:

- Howard Naftzger*

HEALTH CARE REFORM OPTIONS FOR 2009

President Obama considers health care reform a vital component for the revitalization of the US economy. Twenty-one legislators introduced health care plans in the 110th congress, and many more plans will be reintroduced during the next few months. With so many different proposals on the table, it becomes essential to decide on the criteria for selecting a sustainable plan that provides the best health care for the nation.

The US League of Women Voters position on health care states that "Quality, affordable health care should be available to all US residents." Such care must include primary care, preventive care including prenatal and reproductive health, health education, acute care including hospital care, and mental health care. The position calls for a national health insurance plan financed through general taxes commonly known as a "single payer" approach. The position also supports an employer-based system that provides universal access to health care as an important step toward a national health insurance plan.

Other US health care policy goals should include the equitable distribution of services, efficient and economical delivery of care, advancement of medical research and technology, and a reasonable total national health expenditure level for health care. The League opposes a strictly private market-based model of financing a national health care system. The League endorses strong cost-control mechanisms, but these should not interfere with the delivery of quality health care.

IN SUMMARY: Health care should be universal, comprehensive, equitable and affordable both to individuals and to the state.

Health Care reform proposals that attempt to attain universal coverage use two general strategies: (1) A public insurance plan that covers everyone, or (2) A plan that combines private insurance with public plans; this option only modifies our present system. This article will discuss the public insurance plan HR 676, which will include all US residents in an expanded and improved Medicare plan, and the Obama-Biden plan (and similar plans) which are based on combining private and public insurance.

HR 676, The United States National Health Insurance Bill (USNHI) also known as "Expanded and Improved Medicare for All" was reintroduced by Congressman John Conyers (MI) on January 26, 2009, and has the following features:

Every person living in the US or US territories is eligible regardless of employment, income or health status;

Coverage is comprehensive, including all medically necessary services;

Patients have their choice of physicians, hospitals and clinics;

Integrated health systems such as Kaiser continue to be available, but payment would be from the Medicare fund;

Funding for the plan would be through existing Federal and State health care funds in addition to a fair payroll and income tax and a surcharge on very high-income groups;

The payroll taxes would be lower than existing premiums, so both employers and employees would pay less.

The advantages of a single-payer system are profound:

By replacing the wasteful administrative expenses of our present system of myriad private insurance companies with a single-payer system (like Medicare), we would save more than 300 billion dollars, enough to guarantee comprehensive health care to all. These savings would be due to a vast reduction and simplification of paperwork, eliminating actuarial analysis, profits and exorbitant executive compensation. (While insurance companies, acting as middlemen, add billions of dollars to health-care costs, they do not contribute to the health of their policy-holders.)

Cost containment would be attained through negotiated reimbursement rates for providers, bulk purchasing of prescription drugs, durable medical supplies, and global budgeting.

Conversion to a not-for-profit health-care system would prohibit private insurance companies from selling coverage that duplicates benefits of the USNHI program. Insurance companies would be permitted to offer additional services not covered by the national program, such as optional cosmetic surgery and other non-essential treatments.

Employees laid off by insurance companies because of the initiation of the USNHI would have preference in obtaining appropriate positions in the new health-care system; others would receive unemployment compensation for up to two years and would be offered retraining for alternate employment.

Accountability would now be possible by nationwide quality assessment, best practice standards, and reduction of medical errors. The system would be accountable to the public rather than to executives and shareholders.

The Obama-Biden plan is one of a number of public-private plans that attempt to build on our present system. Although the authors of these plans

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recognize that a public single-payer plan would be the most equitable, cost effective and transparent program, they believe that such a change is not politically feasible. The Obama-Biden plan includes the following features:

It regulates insurance companies, forcing them to accept all applicants ("Guaranteed Issue").

It requires large employers to provide insurance to their workers or contribute a percentage of payroll to a national health insurance pool.

It subsidizes small businesses via tax credit to provide insurance to employees.

It subsidizes business by paying a portion of "catastrophic health costs" so that such costs are not passed on to their employees.

It establishes a "National Health Insurance Exchange" with a range of private insurance options; participating plans must provide specified comprehensive services.

It establishes a new public Medicare-like plan that will allow individuals and small business to buy affordable health coverage.

It lowers drug costs by allowing re-importation of drugs and by use of generics in the public plan.

It lowers health care-expenditures by use of electronic records.

It mandates that all children must have health insurance, thereby expanding the State Child Health Program and Medicaid.

NOTE: Although the Obama-Biden plan contains some regulation of insurance companies, it does not require ("mandate") adults to buy insurance coverage. The rationale is that high deductibles and/or copayments might prevent some individuals from accessing health care even after they pay their insurance premiums.. The goal of the plan, however, is to "make health care affordable to everyone."

Other public-private plans are similar to the Obama-Biden plan, but they require that every US resident must be insured. Senator Max Baucus published such a plan as a "White Paper". The Commonwealth Fund commissioned a plan called "Stepping Stones", and Jacob Hacker, professor of political science and a specialist in health policy at UC Berkeley, published a similar plan named "Health Care for America". Representative Pete Stark reintroduced his "AMERICARE Health Care Act" on January 9 of this year.

Although all of these plans maintain a role for private insurance, the Stark bill puts more emphasis on the public plan, requiring automatic "default" enrollment in the public plan unless/until proof of private insurance with benefits equivalent to those in the public plan is provided. Such automatic enrollment would minimize gaps in insurance coverage and would also result in considerable cost savings.

HOW DO REFORM PROPOSALS MEASURE UP TO THE CRITERIA ADVOCATED BY THE LWVUS?

Universal Coverage: Under the United States National Health Insurance Bill (USNHI) public plan (also known as HR 676) every resident of the US will be covered.

The Obama-Biden plan does not cover everyone, since there is no requirement for individuals to purchase insurance, be it public or private. Similar private-public plans do have such a requirement, but enforcement can be difficult if not impossible. Furthermore, individuals who leave employment would be uninsured, temporarily if not longer, and might have to apply for subsidies to purchase an individual policy. Requirements for all residents to purchase insurance have been tried in a number of states, most recently Massachusetts, and have failed because of problems with affordability and enforcement issues. In Massachusetts, thousands of individuals had to be exempted because affordable policies were not available to them. Pete Stark's "Americare" plan is the only private-public plan that may provide truly universal coverage, since everyone is automatically covered in the Medicare plan unless they have private insurance with comparable benefits.

Comprehensive and equitable:

The **USNHI Bill** provides for all medically necessary services, including mental health care, dental care, vision care, durable medical equipment and prescription drugs.

The private-public plans all provide a National Health Insurance Exchange in which participating insurance companies agree to cover a list of medical services; generally they state that coverage must be equal to that available in the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP) available to members of congress. The FEHBP consist of a menu of different plans offered by a number of insurance companies. A participating insurance company may offer more than one plan, one with "standard" and one with high benefits. Medical benefits, even in the standard plans, are fairly comprehensive, including a drug benefit, but plans for dental and vision care must be purchased separately. Monthly FEHBP family premiums range from \$445 to \$1115; the federal government now pays a substantial portion of the FEHBP premium for its employees—about 60%. Deductibles and copayments vary by plan.

Affordable to Families and Business:

The **USNHI Act** will be financed by progressive taxes in addition to federal and state funding for existing health care programs which presently account for 60% of health care spending. Proposed tax funding would consist of a modest payroll tax for employers and employees totaling 9.5%; a 5% health tax for the largest 5% of wage earners; and a 0.33%

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tax on stock transactions. Taxes on employers and employees will amount to less than present insurance company premiums, and there will be no deductibles and copayments.

Affordability of the private-public plans is dependent on providing subsidies to low- and moderate-income families, and on having a public option which has low premiums and low out-of-pocket expenses. Subsidies to businesses included in the Obama plan will also be necessary. Since private insurance companies are in business to make a profit, insurance premiums to low- and moderate-income families may not be affordable for them, as shown in Massachusetts.

Affordable to Society:

Cost containment is an essential component of meaningful health-care reform. As discussed previously, **USNHI (HR 676)** would be able to control costs by its administrative simplicity and its ability to negotiate rates by bulk purchasing of pharmaceuticals and durable medical equipment.

Although some features of the private-public plans may slow down the escalating rise in health care costs, the complexity of administering and monitoring multiple private and public insurance plans, and the continuing increase in private insurance costs, will interfere with cost control.

Ursula Rolfe
Health Care Director

TELEPHONE TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ASAP!

As forty-two percent of our 357 members either do not have email or have not shared their addresses with us, it is important that LWVBAE have a dependable telephone tree. Each member receives *The Voter*, but many events get planned after *The Voter* has gone to the printer.

We want to share information in a timely way with all our members, whether they are connected to the Internet or not, and that requires individual telephone calls to all the people whom we are not able to reach by email. This means setting up a telephone tree to help get the word out.

If you could participate in our telephone tree, please call our office manager, *Cheryl Nichols*, at the League office at 510.843.8824 (email is office@lwvbae.org), and she'll pass your name along to the tree coordinator. Many thanks in advance for your help!

Cheryl Nichols
Office Manager

ECONOMIC DOWNTURN TAKES TOLL ON LEAGUE

The deepening recession has not only affected us as individuals, but as a League too.

In 2000, the Board invested our reserves in three Fidelity mutual funds, which performed quite nicely over the next seven years. Sitting untouched, this account automatically reinvested the dividends, and capital gains and interest accrued by these investments, resulting in an increase in the value of our portfolio of almost 80% at the time the stock markets peaked in October 2007.

Since then, the value of these funds has followed the markets in their downward spiral, and their worth is roughly what they were when we made our initial investment in 2000. We have many more shares, but each is worth less. If the markets recover, so will our shares; if they decline further, so will our shares.

Over the next few months, for the first time, we will need to begin tapping some of this money in order to fund our ongoing activities. Hopefully, when the time comes to redeem shares, we will have seen some recovery.

Bill Chapman
Treasurer

WHAT ARE LEAGUE MEMBERS READING?

The Archimedes Codex: How a Medieval Prayer Book is Revealing the True Genius of Antiquity's Greatest Scientist, Reviel Netz and William Noel, 2007. From the crusaders to the campus of Stanford this book has a story to tell. Amazing revelations and incredible research with a fascinating story of a snippet of history. [Wendy Markel]

Cleaver: A Novel, Tim Parks (author of *Europa*), 2006. "[O]verweight and overwrought, Cleaver abruptly abandons his home, his wife, his mistresses (in England), and, above all, his television, the glowing box that brought him identity and power. He goes to Austria. The solitary mind is noisy and dangerous!" [Wendy Markel]

Mali Blues: Traveling to an African Beat, Lieve Joris, 1998. A charming narration by an author who is often characterized as the best travel writer of all. Joris' close relationships with the people who inhabit the places she goes to makes her books read like novels rather than travelogues. An adventure from which I didn't want to depart! [Alice Kisch]

Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood, Ibtisam Barakat, 2007. An absolutely enchanting memoir by a Palestinian expatriot who now lives and teaches in Missouri. Tells the story of her relationship to her homeland starting in 1967 with her initial flight from her Ramallah home when she was three years old. I did not want this book to end! [Alice Kisch]

BOARD BRIEFS

At its meeting on January 22, 2009, the LWVBAE Board:

- Appointed *Angharad Jones* as Recording Secretary, following the resignation of *Sherry Keith*;
- Appointed *Jean Safir* as Program Vice President, following her resignation as co-VP for Action;
- Appointed *Tom Coulter* as Chair of the Budget Committee;
- Agreed to send a letter to Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates recommending he appoint *Eloise Bodine* to the city's Housing Authority board;
- Gave its approval to the initial report on LWVC Program Planning, with the final report still subject to the Board's approval prior to submitting to LWVC;
- Agreed to work with the City of Berkeley in support of a strong program to implement the Berkeley Climate Action Plan (BCAP) by helping to mobilize community organizations and the general public in its support;
- Agreed to follow up our fund-raising letter to members with telephone calls;
- Agreed to participate in the LWVUS study on a National Popular Vote compact, to enable the Electoral College tally to better represent the popular vote for president of the US; and
- Agreed to recommend to our annual meeting that we would not undertake any local studies, but rather give our energies to state and national studies.

Jean Safir
Program Vice President

WE WANT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

LWVBAE would like to have your current email address so we can keep you informed about important League news. If you haven't received an email from the LWVBAE in the past few weeks, then we don't have your address. If you have one, please send it to us at office@lwvbae.org. Don't worry, you won't be overwhelmed by the additional email -- we send an all-points bulletin only 2-3 times per month, and often fewer. Thanks.

Mim Hawley
Co-VP Action

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RECLAIMING THE PUBLIC TRUST

On Monday, March 9, 2009, Michael Warburton, Executive Director of the Public Trust Alliance, will address the Environmental Concerns Committee. The title of Mr. Warburton's talk is "Reclaiming the Public Trust: What Can It Mean for Nature and Us in a Time of Climate Change".

Michael Warburton was educated at UC Berkeley, with a BS in Political Economy of Natural Resources and a JD from Boalt Hall Law School. Much of his early life was spent mountain climbing in Alaska, the Andes, Soviet Central Asia, and the Himalayas. In Nepal in 1980, his life was saved by sherpas who carried him nearly 100 miles. In gratitude, Michael returned to Nepal to donate his services in remote villages, and he subsequently co-authored, with anthropologist Michael Thompson, his orthodox-shattering book on environmental problem-solving entitled *Uncertainty on a Himalayan Scale*. Michael has served on the Ecology Center Board and has a longstanding interest in water issues.

The meeting is scheduled to take place from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of *Wendy Markel*, 2811 Claremont Boulevard, Berkeley. For additional information, contact *Carol Stone* at 510.549.0959 or seastone01@comcast.net.

Carol Stone, Co-Chair
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calendar

MARCH

- 4 WED. 7-8:30 PM NPV STUDY COMMITTEE, LWVBAE OFFICE *J. SAFIR, 524.9088*
- 6 FRI. 5:00 PM **DEADLINE FOR APRIL VOTER** *A. KISCH, 985.0651*
- 9 MON. 7:30-9PM ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS (SEE P. 7) *C. STONE, 549.0959*
2811 CLAREMONT BOULEVARD
- 10 TUES. 12:15-2 PM BROWN BAG LUNCH SPEAKER SERIES, ALBANY *H. LECAR, 549.9719*
PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1247 MARIN AVE., ALBANY
TOPIC: HEALTH CARE
- 11 WED. 7-8:30 PM NPV STUDY COMMITTEE, LWVBAE OFFICE *J. SAFIR, 524.9088*
- 12 THURS. 10:30 AM-12 NOON MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE *J. GARDNER, 548.5292*
3053 HILLEGASS (HOME OF MUFFETT GRAHAM)
- 16 MON. 1:30-3 PM HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE, LWVBAE OFFICE *C. LYNCH, 527.2173*
- 17 TUES. 10:30 AM-11:30 AM LUNCHEON COMMITTEE, LWVBAE OFFICE *S. CHUN, 843.7455*
- 18 WED. 3-5 PM ACTION COMMITTEE, LWVBAE OFFICE *M. HAWLEY, 527.7727*
- 19 THURS. 1:30-3:30 PM CLIMATE CHANGE TEAM, LWVBAE OFFICE *J. BLUMENKRANTZ, 548.3845*
- 19 THURS. 7:30-9 PM CIVICS EDUCATION ACTION COMMITTEE LWVBAE OFFICE *J. GARDNER, 548.5292*
- 26 THURS. 7-9 PM BOARD MEETING, LWVBAE OFFICE *M. HAWLEY, 527.7727*

APRIL

- 3 FRI. 5:00 PM **DEADLINE FOR MAY-JUNE VOTER** *A. KISCH, 985.0651*
- 7 TUES. 12:15-2 PM BROWN BAG LUNCH SPEAKER SERIES, ALBANY *H. LECAR, 549.9719*
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TOPIC: NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT
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LEAGUE OFFICE
- 13 MON. 1:30-3 PM HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE, LWVBAE OFFICE *C. LYNCH, 527.2173*
- 7-8:30 PM NPV STUDY COMMITTEE, LWVBAE OFFICE *J. SAFIR, 524.9088*
- 7:30-9 PM ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, LOCATION TBA *C. STONE, 549.0959*
- 14 TUES. 3-5:00 PM NPV STUDY CONSENSUS UNIT, LWVBAE OFFICE *J. SAFIR, 524.9088*
- 15 WED. 1:30-3:30 PM CLIMATE CHANGE TEAM, LWVBAE OFFICE *J. BLUMENKRANTZ, 548.3845*
- 16 THURS. 7-9:00 PM NPV STUDY CONSENSUS UNIT, LWVBAE OFFICE *J. SAFIR, 524.9088*
- 21 TUES. 7-9 PM ACTION COMMITTEE, LWVBAE OFFICE *M. HAWLEY, 527.7727*
- 23 THURS. 7-9 PM BOARD MEETING, LWVBAE OFFICE *M. HAWLEY, 527.7727*

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