



# The Voter

*“...to promote informed citizen participation in government.”*

## Bay Area League Day

**WATER: CALIFORNIA’S GOLD 2013**



California’s water supply and delivery system will not be able to meet our growing needs – and the time we will meet this crisis is soon. Water is critical to agriculture and our growing population. Combined with threats to environmental resources and wildlife, and faced with an aging infrastructure and climate change, the problem is complex and has far-reaching impacts.

Join us to learn about the importance of water in California. Experts will inform us about background, governance and conveyance.

Saturday, February 2, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

First Unitarian Church of Oakland  
685 14th Street at Castro, Oakland

Cost in advance: \$30 (\$15 without lunch)  
at the door \$35 (\$20 without lunch)

To register please write a check payable to ‘LWVBA’ and mail, including your name and any guest names to LWVBA, 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612.

Registration is also available online via PayPal at [www.lwvbayarea.org](http://www.lwvbayarea.org).

For more details, please call (510) 839-1608 or email [editor@bayareamonitor.org](mailto:editor@bayareamonitor.org).

<http://www.lwvbayarea.org/calendar.html>

## Initiative and Referendum

A New Year. A chance to fix what’s broken. In late February, at general meetings of consensus, our League will help shape what some say is a dysfunctional piece of California’s government – the Initiative and Referendum (I&R) process.

The League of Women Voters of California is doing an update study of California’s Initiative and Referendum Process. And the consensus reports from all Leagues across the state are due in March, 2013.

### Two Ways of Making Laws

The **Legislative** process is at least 13 steps long, verbal, filled with compromise and subject to endless, seemingly random, amendment.

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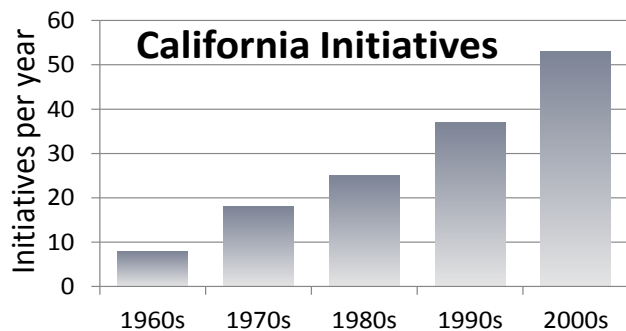
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The **people's initiative** process can seem streamlined – a limited group of people propose their version of public policy and attempt to sell it to voters. The four main steps are: Drafting the Petition, Qualifying for the Ballot (collecting and validating signatures), Campaigning, and Voting. The cost for getting an initiative on the ballot is from \$1-3 million, mostly for the signature gathering. And of course the campaigns can cost much more.

Between 1912 and 2010, California qualified more popular initiatives for the ballot than any other state except Oregon. During that period, 1,657 California initiatives and referenda were circulated for signature; only 348 (20 percent) qualified for the ballot and only 116 (7 percent) were approved by the voters. The number of initiatives proposed has been consistently increasing, as seen in the graph below.



Initiatives proposed have increased from fewer than 8 per year in the 1960s to more than 50 per year in this millennium.

The LWVC currently has a detailed position on the initiative and referendum process (see <http://ca.lwv.org/position/initiative-and-referendum>). The I&R study committee has summarized proposals for change across the entire process (see Study Guide at <http://ca.lwv.org/sites/lwvc.org/files/downloads/studies/study-guide-12-07-2012.pdf>). We will hold meetings to review the proposals and consensus questions at three meetings in late February (see box on right). The complete list of consensus questions is on pages 5-8 of this *Voter* (colored pages). Please bring the colored pages to the meetings.

**What Does it Mean?****What is a proposition?**

A term used for any state ballot measure to be voted on by the people. It can be an initiative or a referendum.

**What is an initiative?**

A brand new law or constitutional amendment proposed (initiated) and voted on by the people. In California, we use the **direct** initiative process, which means a petition placed on the ballot by the people. Some states allow indirect initiatives. For these, when necessary signatures are obtained, the measure moves to the Legislature for further action.

**What is a referendum?**

A vote by the people to approve or reject an existing law. A referendum can be a legislative referendum – the Legislature sends a proposed bill directly to the people; or a popular referendum – the people attempt to repeal a law previously passed by the Legislature.

**Your Opinion is Needed****Participate in I&R Consensus Meetings**

We will meet to arrive at our consensus at meetings in February. Plan to attend both Parts 1 and 2 using any convenient meeting times.

The following are available meeting times:

**Saturday, February 23 (Parts 1 and 2)**

Oakland Dimond Branch Library  
3565 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland

**Part 1:** 10:00pm to 12:15pm

**Lunch:** 12:15 to 12:45pm

**Part 2:** 12:45 to 4:00pm

**Monday, February 25**

LWVBAE Office  
2530 San Pablo Ave, Ste F, Berkeley

**Part 1:** 1:00-3:30pm

**Wednesday, February 27**

LWVBAE Office

**Part 2:** 1:00-3:30pm

## World Bank Warns of Dangers of 4°C Warming

A November 2012 World Bank report warns that we are on track to see 4°C (7°F) of warming by 2100 and possibly as early as 2060. “Such a warming level and associated sea-level rise of 0.5 to 1 meter, or more, by 2100 would not be the end point: a further warming to levels over 6°C [11°F], with several meters of sea-level rise, would likely occur over the following centuries,” the report says.

Beyond rising sea levels, other key threats include:

### Heat Extremes

We can expect more extreme heat waves, with temperatures 6°C (11°F) warmer in the contiguous U.S. and 9°C (16°F) warmer in the Mediterranean.

### Lower agricultural yields

Hotter weather has already lowered crop yields increasing concerns about future food security. The report predicts 35% of cropland in Africa will become unsuitable for cultivation in a 5°C world.

### Risks to Human Support Systems

There are severe risks related to adverse impacts on water availability, a key concern in California (see Bay Area League Day on page 1).

### Non-linear impacts

As global warming approaches and exceeds 2°C, there is a risk of triggering nonlinear tipping elements. Examples include the disintegration of the West Antarctic ice sheet leading to more rapid sea-level rise, or large-scale release of greenhouse gases now trapped in permafrost, which would further accelerate warming.

The new report suggests time to temper the rising risks of climate change may be running out.

Join the League’s Climate Change Team to be a part of the solution.

Diz Swift, Action Coordinator

## Health Care Action

Join members of our Health Care Team and other California League members in supporting the California Healthcare Professional Student Alliance (CaHPSA) at their annual lobby day in Sacramento on Monday, Feb. 11, in support of health care reform, universal affordable coverage, and single payer financing – Improved Medicare for All.

The CaHPSA, the California League, California Alliance of Retired Americans, California Nurses Association, Physicians for a National Health Program, and others are members of the Campaign for a Healthy California, the state single payer coalition. Even though there is not yet a bill before the legislature it is important to keep them aware of our support for reform. We usually hear a number of good speakers, and it is exciting to see hundreds of students out there in their white coats.

A bus will travel from the Bay Area, or carpooling is an option. For information contact Li-hsia Wang, [lihsiawang@gmail.com](mailto:lihsiawang@gmail.com) 510-848-5765.

## LWVC Convention 2013

Join League members from across the state at the bi-annual Convention of the League of Women Voters of California.

**Friday May 17, 10:00 a.m. until  
Sunday, May 19, 3:00 p.m.**

**Hayes Mansion, 200 Edenvale Avenue, San Jose**

Our Health Care Team will be active at the convention, and our Climate Change Team may propose a caucus on the pros and cons of Cap and Trade vs. Carbon Tax as a means to reduce carbon emissions.

Also, results of the I&R study and possible actions will be discussed, with possible major implications.

## Expansive Registration Campaign

Phyllis Gale, new League recruit but longtime AAUW stalwart, organized a joint LWVBAE-AAUW Berkeley voter registration tabling campaign with tremendous energy and effectiveness. She collaborated with UC student organizations to recruit UC student volunteers, organized the necessary permits and volunteers for the downtown BART station on National Voter Registration Day and on Shattuck Avenue for the first Sunday Streets event on Shattuck Avenue. Also, just before the close of registration, Phyllis set up four early morning registration events for parents at four different YWCA HeadStart locations.



Phyllis Gale and her niece Michaela prepare to register students in front of the University YWCA.

As always, the League was a strong presence registering voters at the Solano Stroll. We registered several hundred voters through these direct efforts, as well as handing out instructions about the new option of registering on line at the Secretary of State's website.

A host of volunteers helped Phyllis set up and staff the registration tables, including Nancy Bickel, Mary Lou Breiman, Helen Canin, Sarah Miyazaki, Nancy Pakter, Ursula Rolfe, Nightrain Schickele, Amy Skewes-Cox, who joined us from Marin, Sherry Smith, Carol Stone, Diz Swift, and Phoebe Watts. Among the students who worked with us were Sally Ching, Jesus Galindo, and Janet Navarro. At the Berkeley Sunday Streets

Event, Victoria Carmona and two living history players dressed in dress of circa 1910 and passed out our local "Pros & Cons" and "Occupy the Voting Booth" bumper stickers. Other folks just dropped by and helped distribute materials without leaving their names.

Dean Metzger, Membership Coordinator, took on the responsibility for making sure that we kept nearly 20 boxes of voter registration forms around Berkeley and Albany supplied with registration forms. Overall we distributed nearly 2000 forms to these boxes. Building on the automated on-line record keeping system set up by Bill Chapman last year, Dean recruited additional volunteers and made sure they had the registration forms they needed. While Dean was away on a trip, Tom Coulter and Bill kept the system going. Longtime friend of the League Bob Compton supplemented our organized efforts by dropping in at heavily used locations to refill boxes and by handing out registration forms as he made his way around town. Taking responsibility for systematically checking and refilling specific boxes were: Claudia Berger, Bill Chapman, Tom Coulter, Sue Ezekiel, Noemi Levine, Wilma Rader, Marsha Skinner, and Phoebe Watts.

Nancy Bickel, Communications Coordinator

## SPINE OF THE CONTINENT

Environmental author Mary Ellen Hannibal was our guest at the Natural Resources-Environmental Concerns speaker series potluck and meeting December 10.

Engaging and informed, Hannibal shared a slide show that complements her book "Spine of the Continent," which addresses the importance of connecting landscapes, people and ecosystems along the Rocky Mountains and elsewhere. The Sacramento Bee called "Spine of the Continent" one of four nonfiction books to read this year, saying it "dazzles with its subtlety." Look for "Spine of the Continent" online or in your local bookstore. Learn more at <http://www.maryellenhannibal.com>

## Initiative and Referendum Consensus Questions

The Initiative and Referendum Update Study Committee has posed a series of questions about which you will be asked to form an opinion. We will combine our opinions and reach a consensus for our local League which will be incorporated in the State League's final opinion.

1. Should California retain the citizens' initiative and referendum process?
  - Initiative:
    - retain as is
    - retain, but prefer with changes
    - don't retain
  - Referendum:
    - retain as is
    - retain, but prefer with changes
    - don't retain
  
2. Our current position says: "Initiative sponsors should be required to submit draft proposals to an official authority for an opinion on clarity/ language, constitutionality/legality, or single subject.
  - a. Who should perform any pre-review? *Mark all that would be acceptable.*
    - Legislature
    - Judiciary
    - Retired judges
    - Bar Association appointed committee
    - Independent citizens committee
    - State agencies (e.g., Legislative Analyst's office, Secretary of State)
    - Combination or collaboration of above
    - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Should the pre-review be voluntary or mandatory? (*Our current position is that it should be mandatory.*)
    - Voluntary
    - Mandatory
  - c. What should be the result of the pre-review? *Mark all that apply.*
    - Notification to proponents (not public)
    - Public notice on result(s) of review
    - Go/no-go decision on the initiative
    - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Title and Summary:
 

Who or what office should be responsible for writing the ballot measure title and summary?  
*Mark all that are appropriate.*

  - Attorney General
  - Secretary of State
  - Proponent(s) of initiative
  - Legislative Analyst
  - State Auditor
  - Independent citizens committee
  - A combination/collaboration of above
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Requirements to qualify: The current LWVC position lists qualification requirements of a specific number of signatures and number of days to gather signatures for each type of measure.
  - a. Should a position with a specific percentage of signatures be retained?
    - Yes, retain a position with a specific number of signatures
    - No, do not retain a position with a specific number of signature
  - b. If the requirement for a specific percentage of signatures is retained, should the requirement be:
    - About the same
    - Higher
    - Lower
  - c. Should a position with a specific number of days for gathering signatures be retained?
    - Yes, retain specific number
    - No, do not retain specific number
  - d. If the requirement for a specific number of days for gathering signatures is retained, should the requirement be:
    - About the same
    - Higher
    - Lower
  
5. Should the requirements needed to get a measure on the ballot remain about the same, be made easier, or be made more difficult?
  - Made easier
  - Remain about the same
  - Made more difficult
  - Consider alternate methods

6. Listed in the following table are some ideas about potential changes to the process that have been proposed or adopted by other states. The list isn't intended to limit the discussion but rather to guide the discussion around the process.

Use the table to rate your opinion.

Mark all boxes that apply. Do not rate boxes shown in the gray pattern.

	Importance (select one)						Signature Gathering (select all that apply)		
	Mandatory	Important but not mandatory	Would be nice	Not important	Work actively to avoid	No consensus	Paid signature gathering	Electronic signature gathering	Volunteer signature gathering
a. Limits on number of words in the language of an initiative									
b. Require that language comply with standards of readability or simplicity									
c. Show that there is public support for the idea via a poll or other tool									
d. Specify the funding source for the program or plan in the initiative									
e. Limit the number of initiatives that can appear on a single ballot									
f. Include automatic sunset provision; e.g. automatic review after "x" years									
g. Increase amount of time to circulate a petition									
h. Decrease amount of time to circulate a petition									
i. Allow use of internet and/or other technology for signature gathering									
j. Require registration of signature gatherers									
k. Require training of signature gatherers									
l. Other _____									

7. Should California voters continue to have the right to amend their constitution through the citizens' initiative process?
- Yes  
 No  
 Yes, with changes;  
specify \_\_\_\_\_
8. If amendments to the Constitution are allowed by citizens' initiative:
- a. Should there be a higher standard for **qualifying** an initiative constitutional amendment than an initiative statute? (For example, a requirement for more signatures, or a shorter time limit for an initiative constitutional amendment than for a statutory initiative.)
- Yes, require higher standards for qualifying an initiative constitutional amendment  
 No, do not require higher standards for qualifying an initiative constitutional amendment
- b. Should there be a higher standard than a simple majority at a single election needed to **pass** an initiative constitutional amendment than an initiative statute? (For example, a supermajority vote requirement or passage at multiple elections.)
- Yes, require a higher standard than a simple majority for an initiative constitutional amendment  
 No, do not require a higher standard for passing a constitutional amendment
9. Post-election conflicts: Currently if two or more conflicting measures on the same ballot all pass, the measure receiving the greatest number of votes is enacted. In such a case, should the provisions of all measures receiving fewer votes be allowed to be enacted insofar as they do not conflict with the measure receiving the most votes?
- Yes  
 No
10. The current LWVC position states that a measure that requires a supermajority vote for passage of future related issues should be required to receive the same supermajority vote approval for its passage.
- In general, should an initiative which institutes new requirements for future initiatives (such as imposing new taxes) have to meet those same requirements in its own lifecycle?
- Yes  
 No  
 Under some instances:  
 if the initiative places requirements on future tax increase initiatives  
 if the initiative calls for supermajority vote for future initiatives  
 if the initiative places requirements on (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Legislative amendments of initiatives that have been enacted:
- a. Should the Legislature have the authority to amend **statutes** approved by initiative without going back to a vote of the people?
- Yes  
 No  
 Sometimes
- b. If yes, should there be limitations on the Legislature's authority? *Mark all that apply:*
- After a waiting period  
 Only "in the spirit of" original initiative  
 Require supermajority vote  
 Only as described in the language of the initiative (status quo)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Should the Legislature have the authority to amend **constitutional amendments** approved by initiative without going back to a vote of the people?
- Yes  
 No  
 Sometimes
- d. If yes, should there be limitations on the Legislature's authority? *Mark all that apply:*
- After a waiting period  
 Only "in the spirit of" original initiative  
 Require supermajority vote  
 Only as described in the language of the initiative (status quo)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

12. In evaluating proposed changes to the Initiative and Referendum process, what principles should apply considering the Stakeholders\*?

\***Stakeholders:** Voters, Proponents, Opponents, Legislature, Legislative Counsel, Legislative Analyst, Secretary of State, County Election Officials

**Legend for Initiative & Referendum Process Stage:** Drafting (D), Qualification (Q), Campaign (C), Disclosure (DI), Election (E), Post-Election (PE), Legal (L)

Principle	Definition	Critical	Important	Somewhat Important	Unimportant	No consensus	Applicable to which stages (see legend)	Applicable to initiative (I) referendum (R) or both (B)	Force rank (1-15)
1. Accessibility	Open to input from all stakeholders								
2. Accountability	Stakeholders are held to California laws with use of adequate and timely enforcement								
3. Amendability	The process should be subject to change with some level of stakeholder approval								
4. Authenticity	The process represents all stakeholders' interests								
5. Comprehensibility	Understandable by all stakeholders								
6. Availability of compromise at some point(s) in process	Stakeholders have opportunities to deliberate and compromise before a measure reaches the ballot								
7. Concentration of power (avoid)	No single stakeholder or group of stakeholders can dominate the process								
8. Deliberation	Adequate time for deliberation, including consideration of input from stakeholders								
9. Expertise	Deference among stakeholders is given to subject matter experts								
10. Flexibility	Ability to adapt to differing circumstances								
11. Impartiality	Not partial or biased toward any position on a measure								
12. Integrity	Stakeholders and the public believe the system works, and is sound								
13. Respect for stakeholder rights	A majority is not able to restrict the rights of any stakeholder								
14. Transparency	Timely information about all aspects of the process are publicly available and searchable								
15. Other	Specify principle (short definition)								

13. Please list any changes in the initiative and referendum process in California that you would support that have not been covered by the consensus questions.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Should California retain the citizens' initiative and referendum process?

Initiative:

- retain as is
- retain w changes
- don't retain



## Mark Your Calendars

There is a pattern to our regularly held meetings that may not be apparent, so it is repeated below. You are welcome at all meetings.

**Conversations** – Second Monday of every month. Join us at the Albany Library, Edith Stone Room 12:00 – 2:00 PM for presentations, debates, and other topical discussions.

**Health Care Team** – Third Monday of every month, 1:30 – 3:30 PM at the LWVBAE office. This is an action team with activities statewide as a member of the Campaign for a Healthy California (see box page 3).

**Climate Change Team** – Fourth Tuesday of every month, 1:30 – 3:30 PM at the LWVBAE office. The CCT is a very active team focusing currently on market methods to help reduce carbon emissions.

**Civics Education Team** – Second Friday of every month, 1:30 – 3:30 PM at the LWVBAE office. Action of the Civics Ed Team includes student courts and mock elections in middle and high schools.

**Environmental Concerns** – Second Monday of every month, 7:30 – 9:30 PM, at 1174 Euclid Ave. Berkeley. Join the group for presentations by leaders and experts on a variety of environmental topics.

Also, important events that you won't want to miss.

**Initiative and Referendum Consensus Meetings** – February 23, 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Dimond Branch Oakland Public Library. 3565 Fruitvale Avenue Oakland, CA (Parts 1 and 2); February 25, 1:00 – 3:30 PM, LWVBAE office (Part 1); and February 27, 1:00 – 3:30 PM, LWVBAE office (Part 2) (see box page 2).

**LWVC Convention 2013** – May 17 – 19, San Jose

**LWVBAE Annual Meeting** – June 6, evening

## Questions for Our Electeds?

Do you have questions for State Senator Loni Hancock or State Assembly Member Nancy Skinner? Or perhaps you would like to interview our local Council Members?



Nancy Skinner and Loni Hancock present citation to Sherry Smith on LWVBAE's 100th birthday

You can ask to join our interview committees, which will be meeting with our elected officials in the next few months to ask questions about their priorities, to tell them about our League priorities, and to learn their views on League issues. Program Chair Carol Stone will be arranging interviews with our state elected officials in February and with our local Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville City Council members starting in February. Contact Carol at 549-0959.

## JOIN US FOR CLIMATE REALITY FEBRUARY 11, 2013

Our climate is warming with pollution primarily from fossil fuels – dirty energy that contributes to the 90 million tons of carbon spewed into the atmosphere every day. Nine of the ten hottest years on record were in the past twelve years. Extreme weather across the globe is devastating human lives and our communities.

Al Gore's Climate Reality Project that includes the "new" inconvenient truth of climate change slide show will be the subject of the Natural Resources Environmental Concerns presentation Monday, February 11. The presentation will be made by Gail Schickele who trained in 2012 with Al Gore – along with people from 58 countries – as a Climate Leader.

Monday, February 11, 2013, 7:30 – 9 pm, 1174 Euclid Avenue in North Berkeley. Information: Carol Stone [seastone11@hotmail.com](mailto:seastone11@hotmail.com) or Gail Schickele at [gails@bayarea.net](mailto:gails@bayarea.net)

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Many thanks for remembering our League.

Louetta Erlin, Donations Secretary

## Tribute to Fran Packard

Active in the League of Women Voters since she joined in 1974, Fran Packard served in many capacities and at all levels of League within the state. She was also a model of community involvement, serving in many capacities with the City of Berkeley, the University, regionally and statewide. Fran passed away in December and her energy and enthusiasm are greatly missed.

A former teacher, her community involvement began with the Berkeley public schools, working to establish the Malcolm X Parents Council. During the 1975 Berkeley teachers' strike she ran a school for elementary school children in her home, and from 1977 on, she served as School Board Director Melinda Robinson's Administrative Assistant.



Fran's leadership skills were legendary. She served as President of the Berkeley League (1984-86), the Bay Area League (1992-94) and the State League (1993-95) – the only person in our memory to serve as President of all three levels of League. From 1985 to 1987, she chaired LWVC's study on Hazardous Materials and Toxic Substances and served subsequently as the Off-Board Program Director. She was LWVC Legislative Director from 1993-95 and nearly single-handedly led LWVC in the unsuccessful fight for single-payer health care, the 1994 Ballot Measure 186. During Fran's tenure as President of LWVC, the League successfully won Proposition 208, Campaign Finance Reform. Fran persuaded the California League to use online communication and participated as an original member of the SmartVoter Committee.

Beyond the League, Fran was active in local government. She served on the Berkeley Solid Waste Commission, Energy Commission and Landmarks Preservation Commission. She was

also appointed to the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory's Tritium Task Force, and UC Berkeley's Police Review Board. She served as the Administrator of the Berkeley Community Fund and was a longtime member of the Berkeley Democratic Club.

At the regional level, Fran worked on EBMUD's Water Supply Management Task Force. Her statewide activities include the EdSource Board, the Hazardous Waste Management Task Force, and the Access to Justice Commission.

Pat Kuhi and Suzanne Chun

## Membership Report

Thank you to those who joined or renewed membership in the League in October. An especially warm welcome to the newcomers.

### **New Members**

Milton Schlesinger  
Searle Whitney

### **Renewed Members**

Margaret Alafi  
Vivian Sharlock  
Babette Maccoby

### **Deaths**

Ann Chandler  
Wilma Jordan

Fran Packard

Mina Jenner, Dues Coordinator

## Tribute to Wilma Jordan

Wilma Jordan, Berkeley League President 1970-72, served the League during tumultuous years – national TV reporters covered a standing-room-only debate for the 30 candidates for City Council; KQED-TV broadcast the forum on the 'Community Control of the Police' ballot measure; the League helped run the first elections for the War on Poverty Boards.

Wilma's interests and abilities ranged widely. As a kid growing up on a farm, she drove a tractor. She hiked, sailed, read and talked about books with husband Carl, family and friends. In her professional life, Wilma ran her own nursery school program; she worked at Banana's childcare referral service until weeks before her death.

Nancy Bickel, Communications Coordinator

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**Calendar** – Locations are the LWVBAE office, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Suite F, Berkeley, unless otherwise noted

### January

31 Thurs 4:30-5:30p **Action Meeting** D. Swift 548-4808

### February

2 Sat 9:00a-4:00p **Bay Area League Day** S. Smith 548-1769  
First Unitarian Church of Oakland  
685 14th Street at Castro, Oakland

5 Tues 1:00-3:00p **LWVBAE Board Meeting** S. Smith 548-1769

8 Fri 1:30-3:30p **Civics Ed Team** J. Gardner 548-5292

11 Mon 7:00-9:00p **Environmental Concerns** C. Stone 549-0959  
1174 Euclid Ave, Berkeley

12 Tues 12:00-2:00p **Conversations** C. Stone 549-0959  
Edith Stone Rm, Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave

18 Mon 3:00-4:00p **Health Care** L. Wang 848-5765

21 Thurs 4:00-5:30p **Using New Media** N. Bickel 684-6302

23 Sat 10:00a-4:00p **Initiative and Referendum Consensus Meeting (Parts 1-2)** C. Stone 549-0959  
Oakland Dimond Branch Library  
3565 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland

25 Mon 1:00-3:30p **I&R Consensus (Part 1)** C. Stone 549-0959

26 Tues 1:30-3:30p **Climate Change Team** R. Beatus 524-6904

27 Mon 1:00-3:30p **I&R Consensus (Part 2)** C. Stone 549-0959

28 Thurs 4:00-5:00p **Coffee and Conversation** N. Bickel 684-630