

The 90th Anniversary of The League of Women Voters



From Doorsteps To Capitol Steps

**June 26, 2010
Annual Meeting Kit**

FOR 90 YEARS LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Founding: From the spirit of the suffrage movement and the shock of the First World War came a great idea- that a nonpartisan civic organization could provide the education and experience the public needed to assure the success of democracy. The League of Women Voters was founded on that idea

The 1920's: The League had inherited its structure from the National American Women Suffrage Association. In 1920 it was a federation of affiliated state Leagues, most of which had been in existence as state headquarters of the NAWSA.

The 1930's: The depression of the 1930's and the onset of World War II brought far reaching change to the League.

The 1940's: The 1944 convention made additional changes in the basic structure of the League, proclaiming it an association of members, rather than a federation of state leagues, and abolishing the department system of managing the various facets of the League program.

The 1950's: The witch hunt period of the early fifties inspired the League to undertake a two-year community education program focusing on the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution.

The 1960's: In response to the growing civil rights crisis of the 1960's, the League directed its energies to equality of opportunity and built a solid foundation of support for equal access to education, employment and housing.

The 1970's: The 1974 Convention amended the bylaws to allow men to join the League as full voting members.

The 1980's: The League was in the forefront of the struggle to pass the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1982, and contributed significantly to enactment of the historic Tax Reform Act of 1986.

The 1990's: The League launched "Take Back the System", a voter campaign to reclaim government and elections, and sponsored a Presidential Primary Debate in 1992.

The 21st Century: The League was instrumental in the enactment of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2002. The League worked to renew the Voting Rights Act, and filed a number of amicus briefs relating to campaign finance reform issues, racial bias in jury selection and Title IX.

Education Fund & Overseas Ed Fund: In the late 1940's and 1950's the League established two 501(c)3 educational organizations that, like the LWVUS, are nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations, but, unlike the LWVUS, also can accept contributions that are deductible for income tax purposes.

Conclusion: While the League's programs, priorities and procedures have changed over the years to meet changing times, a League pamphlet written in 1919 describes with remarkable accuracy its basic aims today: **The organization has three purposes, to foster education in citizenship, to promote forums and public discussion of civic reforms, and to support needed legislation.**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA MONICA ANNUAL MEETING
at Santa Monica Montana Branch Public Library
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 26, 2010

AGENDA

- 10:15 a.m. **Registration**
- 10:30 a.m. **Call to Order:** Welcome..... Amy Bishop-Dunbar, President
- 10:35 a.m. **Reading of Credentials Report:** Charles Donaldson, Secretary
- 10:40 a.m. **Organization of Annual Meeting:** Amy Bishop-Dunbar
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| i Adoption of Order of Business: Attachment 1 | iv Appointment of Timekeeper: |
| ii Rules of the Day: Attachment 2 | v Appointment of Election Committee: |
| iii Adoption of Parliamentarian: | vi Committee to Approve Minutes: |
- 10:45 a.m. **Submission Annual Meeting Minutes of 2009**
- 10:50 a.m. **Treasurer’s Report:** Attachment 3 Amy Bishop-Dunbar
 Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for LWVSM
- 10:55 a.m. **Presentation of Budget:** Attachment 4 & 5..... Hannah Heineman
 Discussion and Adoption of 2010 -2011 General Fund Budget
 Presentation of LWVSM Ed Fund Budget
- 11:15 a.m. **The League’s Annual Report:** Attachment 6..... Amy Bishop-Dunbar
 Reports from President and Directors
- 11:20 a.m. **Presentation of Program for Re-adoption:** Attachment 7..... Eloise Folley
 Discussion and Adoption of Recommendations from 2009 Annual Meeting
 Consideration and Adoption of Action Priorities
- 11:25 a.m. **Recognitions “In League Service”** Attachment 8..... LWVSM Board Members
 Honoring League Members, Student and Community Partners
- 11:50 a.m. **Nominating Committee Report:** Attachment 9..... Leonard Adler, Chair
 Nominations from the floor Election of Officers/Directors
- 11:55 a.m. **Introduction of New Board** Joanne Leavitt
- 12:20 p.m. **Directions to the Board:** Attachment 10 Eloise Folley
- 12:25 p.m. **Closing Remarks / Adjournment of Business Meeting** Joanne Leavitt
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch: Bring your own or enjoy lunch catered by Bud’s Deli:** Order Form Attached
 (\$15 preorder/prepayment required)
- 1:00 p.m. **Guest Speaker Trudy Schafer, LWV State Lobbyist (waiting for confirmation)**

ATTACHMENT – 1.

ANNUAL MEETING PROCEDURES

Voting: Voting is limited to members of the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica. Each member is entitled to one vote. The chair may decide which method should be employed, raising the hand or using “aye” or “nay” at the appropriate time. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Quorum: Ten percent (10%) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

Adoption of Budget: Requires a majority vote of members present and voting

Adoption of Amendments to the Bylaws: Requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting.

Consideration of Non-Recommended Program Items: Program items submitted by voting members but not recommended by the board require a majority vote for consideration.

Adoption of Program: A majority vote of members present and voting is required for adoption of program proposals.

Nominations from the Floor: Immediately following the presentation of the nominating committee report, nominations may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been obtained.

ATTACHMENT – 2.

RULES OF THE DAY

Adoption of Order of Business and Rules of the Day: Requires a majority vote. Both the *Rules of the Day* and the *Order of Business* may be amended by a majority vote before adoption. After adoption, a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to make changes.

Debate: Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker, unless time is extended by a 2/3 vote. No person shall speak twice to a question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

Motions: Motions shall be in writing, signed by the person making the motion, with two copies sent to the chair and secretary. (paper available) A motion to move the previous question requires a 2/3 vote. For points of order, information or clarification, the members should use the red card to alert the chair. The Red Card is not for discussion, debate or to make another motion.

Consideration of Non-Recommended Program Items: A member may move consideration of a non-recommended item and present reasons for granting consideration. The motion is not debatable. If consideration is granted, a member may request that the board give its reasons for not recommending the item.

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

Parliamentary Authority: Robert’s Rules of Order shall be used as a basis of procedure.

Privilege of the Floor: The privilege of the floor is extended to guest members from other Leagues. This includes participation in discussion and debate, but not in voting.

League of Women Voters of Santa Monica, Annual Meeting, June 13, 2009

Montana Branch Public Library, 1704 Montana Ave., Santa Monica

MINUTES

1. President Amy Bishop-Dunbar called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.
2. After the president reminded all present that this was the League of Women Voters' 75th year, the secretary, Charles Donaldson, read the credentials report and declared a quorum was present. The quorum report was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. The order of business and rules for the Annual Meeting were adopted by unanimous consent.
4. Appointments approved by unanimous consent included:
 - a) Shirley Chase: Annual Meeting parliamentarian;
 - b) Karen Carrey: Time Keeper;
 - c) Joanne Levitt, Rose Kaufman, and Leonard Adler: Election Committee;
 - d) Charles Donaldson, Eloise Folley, Shirley Chase, and Rose Kaufman: Committee to approve the 2009 Annual Meeting minutes, (The 2008 Annual Meeting minutes have been read and approved by the reading committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting, Amy Bishop-Dunbar, Charles Donaldson, and Eloise Folley)
5. Treasurer Evelyn Cederbaum said the final budget report would be submitted June 30. She again reported 2008-2009 was a deficit year, with income reaching \$7,918 because of a drop in membership and expenses totaling \$10,693.
6. The Budget Committee recommendations for LWVSM 2009-2010 were approved by unanimous consent. That budget forecasts \$12,785 in annual revenue and proposes \$12,825 in expenditures.
7. LWVSM Membership approves Non Recommended Program to Study City Charter (Kaufman)
8. Nominating Committee member Leonard Adler was not in attendance to present the Nominating Committee report, which was read as printed by the chair. No nominations were made from the floor, and the following were elected by unanimous consent: **Officers**--Vice President Administration Kathleen Benjamin, Treasurer Marilyn Scott, and Vice President Programs Dorothy Ehrhart-Morrison were elected for two-year terms. (Continuing for a second year are President Amy Bishop-Dunbar and Secretary Charles Donaldson.) **Directors**—Joanne Leavitt, Sheila Fields, Judy Hopkins, Anita Kemp, Ana Jara, and Ann Hammond— were elected for two-year terms, Eloise Foley and Joan Moschovakis— were elected for one-year terms. (Director Hannah Heineman is continuing for one year.)

The Nominating Committee of Leonard Adler, chair, and members Betty Mueller and Peggy Fonkalsrud is continuing for a second year.

Serving as Off-Board Consultants contributing services on an ad hoc basis, are Genise Schnitman, Karen Carrey, Eileen Cohen, Rose Kaufman, Shirley Friedman-Chase, and Peggy Fonkalsrud.
9. Singer Ann Polhemus entertained with women's rights-themed songs during lunch.
10. Speaker, Dr. Jerry Hellman, discussed "Who Will Write the Prescription for a National Healthcare Plan," declaring a single payer plan has been dropped from the national debate and is being ignored by President Obama. He explained that the AMA is not the only group speaking for physicians today, but many fearful of socialized medicine: insurance companies, and pharmaceuticals are strongly represented in the debate attempting to shape a national health plan. He reported that the city of Santa Monica pays \$29 million a year providing health care, a cost that probably will drop to \$23 million when a national plan goes into effect.

Respectfully submitted by Charles Donaldson, secretary

ATTACHMENT – 3. Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report for 2010-2011 was not available when this document was completed. It will be made available to the membership ASAP. Please check our website for the update.

ATTACHMENT – 4. PROPOSED LWVSM GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2010-2011

DUES / ADMINISTRATION		Revenue	Expense
101	Dues - PMP (100 full dues)	6500.00	
102	Member contributions	600.00	
103	Non-member contributions	200.00	
104	Supplies		400.00
105	Postage		250.00
106	Telephone		682.00
107	PO Box Rental		60.00
108	Audit		
109	Insurance		360.00
110	Internet Services (Domain)		
111	League Easy Web		160.00
112	Copy Expenses		400.00
113	President's Expenses		125.00
114	Board Meetings		100.00
115	Annual Meeting		150.00
116	Sales Tax		25.00
117	State Filing Fees		20.00

PER MEMBER PAYMENT		
120	LWVUS (National)	2,165.00
121	LWVC (State)	1,650.00
122	LWV/LA ILO (County)	110.00

COUNCILS AND CONVENTIONS		
130	LWVC Convention 2011	500.00
131	LWV LA County	120.00
132	LWVUS	

MEMBER SERVICES		
140	Member Workshops/Training	50.00
141	VOTER - Constant Contact	450.00
142	Roster + envelopes	500.00
143	Events/Luncheons	720.00 450.00
144	League Publications	100.00
145	Pollworkers Adopt a Poll	250.00
146	Membership Support	240.00 290.00

PROGRAM – ADVOCACY & EDUCATION			
		Revenue	Expense
150	Issue Forums	225.00	275.00
151	Ballot Measures		100.00
152	Community Workshops		
153	Grants - mini grant		100.00

VOTER SERVICE All LWV Ed. Fund Not in GF Budget			
160	Candidates Forums	200.00	150.00
161	Ballot Measure Forums		150.00
162	Local Election Guides	50.00	150.00
163	Pros & Cons Pubs		150.00
164	Pros & Cons (Speakers)	250.00	
165	Easy Reading Voter Guide		
166	Smart Voter		500.00
167	Candidates Workshop	500.00	100.00
168	Voter Registration		
169	Monitoring Elections	200.00	

STUDIES			
171	Local Studies		
172	National Studies		175.00

FUNDRAISING			
180	Finance Drive	500.00	90.00
181.1	Sponsors/Advertisements	225.00	88.00
181	Yard Sale	350.00	75.00
181.1	Salon	500.00	375.00
182	Pin sales	250.00	
183	Raffle(s)	250.00	75.00

AFFILIATIONS			
190	Working Party for Children		25.00
191	MLK Coalition		90.00
192	EnAct		25.00
193	Other		

OTHER			
200	Speaker Gifts		150.00
201	Recognitions		50.00
202	Bank Charges		
203	Interest		

	TOTAL	10810.00	10810.00

ATTACHMENT – 5.

LWVSM 2010 –2011 Education Fund Budget

July 1, 2009 Initial Balance: \$ 7,757.80

April 23, 2010 Ending Balance: \$ 6, 360.30

DUES / ADMINISTRATION		Revenues	Expenses
101	Dues - PMP *		
102	Member contributions	490.00	
103	Non-member contributions	100.00	
104	Supplies		
105	Postage		
106	Telephone		
107	PO Box Rental		
108	Audit		
109	Insurance		
110	Internet Services (Domain)		
111	League Easy Web		
112	Copy Expenses		
113	President's Expenses		
114	Board Meetings		
115	Annual Meeting		
116	Sales Tax		
117	State Filing Fees		
PER MEMBER PAYMENT			
120	LWVUS (National)		
121	LWVC (State)		
122	LWV/LA ILO (County)		
COUNCILS AND CONVENTIONS			
130	LWVC Convention 2011		
131	LWV LA County		
132	LWVUS Convention		
MEMBER SERVICES			
140	Member Workshps/Training		
141	VOTER Constant Contact		
142	Roster + envelopes		
143	Events/Luncheons		
144	League Publications		
145	Pollworker/Scholarship		
146	Membership Support		

PROGRAM -- EDUCATION		Revenues	Expenses
150	Issue Forums		
151	Ballot Measures		
152	Community Workshops		
153	Grants - mini grant		
VOTER SERVICE ALL LWV Ed. Fund			
160	Candidates Forums	100.00	150.00
161	Ballot Measure Forums		150.00
162	Local Election Guides	50.00	150.00
163	Pros & Cons Pubs		150.00
164	Pros & Cons (Speakers)	350.00	
165	Easy Reading Voter Guide		
166	Smart Voter		500.00
167	Candidates Workshop	250.00	100.00
168	Voter Registration		
169	Monitoring Elections	200.00	
STUDIES			
171	Local Studies		
172	National Studies		150.00
FUNDRAISING			
180	Finance Drive		
181.1	Advertisement		
181	Yard Sale		
181.1	Salon		
182	Pin sales		
183	Raffle(s)		
AFFILIATIONS			
190	Working Party for Children		
191	MLK Coalition		
192	EnAct		
193	Other		
OTHER			
200	Speaker Gifts		50.00
201	Recognitions		50.00
202	Bank Charges		
203	Interest (-3% on Ed Fund)		190.00
TOTAL Budget		1540.00	1540.00

Presidents Report: Amy Bishop-Dunbar

Let me begin with the quote from Studs Turkel, “Hope never trickles down, it springs up”. It is from his book “Hope Dies Last – Keeping the Faith in Troubled Times”. For those unfamiliar with Studs Turkel, he was a national treasure, radio personality, social commentator, oral historian and observer of all things Americana. In my youth I enjoyed listening to radio programs and I was introduced to him back in college.

I chose the quote because this year is a milestone, the 90th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the 76th Anniversary of our local league. Within this span of time the League’s membership has overcome many challenges to rise up again and again from its grassroots to support the organization, voters rights and the public’s right to participate in making democracy work. Current times are tough and LWV is out in the forefront working on public policy, with local leagues advocating for the critical concerns of this nation.

Four years ago when I was asked to be President I saw an opportunity to increase our visibility in the community, demonstrate the width and breadth of the League program and expand our voter service with the support of local partnerships. It also was the right time to update our corporate records. This was successfully accomplished in a large part due to the support and dedication of the four Boards I worked with.

There is still work to be done, I hope that new leaders will emerge from our membership, to build on the legacy of what makes League such a respected, nonpartisan, political organization. With their passion and energy engage the public to take an active role in government. If you are concerned about your community, have a particular interest or issue, there are many ways to get involved: locally attend a League event, volunteer to be on a committee, sign up to receive e-mail announcements or action alerts. There are many remarkable people who make up this organization and that includes you!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your President. My future plans are to support the County LWV as the Director of Sustainability, and to enjoy time with my family.

Sincerely,
Amy Bishop-Dunbar
LWVSM President 2006-2010

Membership Portfolio: In-Term Director, Ana Jara

Tim Cuneo, Superintendent of Santa Monica and Malibu Schools, was our guest speaker at our Annual Membership Lunch last October. A LWV membership kit was distributed which included information about the League, our current activities, a handout on how to contact your elected representatives and how to sign up to receive State League and LWVUS announcements.

We conducted a long overdue update of our roster maintained by the national organization with an audit of our accounts to verify each member’s renewal. New membership recruitment flyers were developed introduced at each community event.

Out of the collected LWVSM membership dues (\$65 for an individual member, \$25 for an additional household member, \$30 for a student and \$55 for associate) we pay out a portion of each membership to the county, state and national league organization. These are called “Per Member Payments”. In return local leagues and members receive benefits from the services and support of the larger organization. Recent action at LWVC Leadership Council included an approved \$2 increase in the per member payment.

Our current membership numbers are seventy nine total members (sixty four individual, eight family) two students, 5 national members and two, fifty year plus members *Rose Kaufman* and *June Coleman*. Seven new people joined the League this year.

Communications Portfolio: Director Hannah Heineman

This year has been a busy year in terms of the League of Women Voters, Santa Monica communications. We have begun to publish "The Voter" once again. The first two issues were published as hard copies and our last issue was done in an e-mail format. Our future issues will be in e-mail format as well. We have also been preparing the necessary communications for our events such as invitations and press releases.

Government / Election Services Portfolio: Director Eloise Folley

At the League of Women Voters of California State Convention in Long Beach last year, California Leagues were asked to focus on voter service, government reform and civic engagement. Our local activities reflected the implementation of these issues.

Repair California, the group calling for a California Constitutional Convention, did not have enough money to obtain the necessary signatures to go forward. State Legislature has announced select committees to look for ways to make state government more effective. Jessica Levinson, Director of Political Reform for the Center of Governmental Studies, and Xandra Kayden, LWV California Action Director, discussed government reform efforts at our Holiday Reception last December.

Advantages and drawbacks of various paths to reform will be examined at Getting to Reform: Avenues for Constitutional Change in California, a daylong free conference in Sacramento on 10-14-10.

The Citizens Redline Commission has almost 26,000 applicants who must now submit supplemental applications and letters of recommendation by 4-19-10. Final selection will be end of December 2010. The League has invested twenty years in this government reform project and is likely to face a challenge in November.

Thea Brodtkin, with help from Joanne Leavitt and Barbara Inatsugu, wrote up a Pro and Con on Local Measure A for the May 25th all mail in election. The Local SMMUSD "Measure A", the school parcel tax, was also included in the ballot measure briefing scheduled for May 8th at the Santa Monica Montana Branch Library from 10:00 to 2:00.

The LWV Speaker's Bureau attended training workshops and presented the propositions at several venues in the community.

In trying to determine how our local League (a US Census partner) could assist in the taking of the Census, Joan and Eloise contacted 4 large agencies, as well as the Farmers' Market, the Library and all the Catholic Churches in the Area. Joan contacted the Census Bureau and was given the names, addresses and times assistance would be available at 5 Questionnaire Assistance Centers in Santa Monica – safe places for people to fill out their questionnaires and receive help with any questions they might have. This volunteer opportunity was covered in The Voter.

League Advocacy/Action Report:

The LWV at the State and National levels have several active ongoing campaigns which local board members have been heavily involved with, volunteering many hours of their time and writing letters.

State Action and Advocacy: www.ca.lwv.org

- **LWVC** has co-sponsored Proposition 15 on the June 8th State Ballot, which removes a ban on publicly financed elections, and sets up a trial for publicly financing candidate campaigns for the office of the Secretary of State. The proposition also secures a source of funding through an increase in dues, paid by state lobbyists which will be raised from \$25 per year to \$325 per year.
- **Proposition 16**, opposed by the League because it misleads the voter, allows large energy providers to monopolize the market and prohibiting local communities from purchasing energy from suppliers that provide the best prices, and limits investment in alternative green energy. Letters to the press were issued.
- **State Redistricting Reform** has state and local Leagues involved as mentioned in Eloise Folley's report from her Government Portfolio. Voters approved Proposition 11 in 2008 and though it has yet to be implemented it will be challenged in November.
- League members have been at the forefront with a coalition of partners to get **California's Single Payer Health Insurance** signed off by the Governor, though it remains a distant possibility. Working with California One Care and collaborating with members of The Health Care for All Campaign, we've been asked to help our community understand the implementation of the National Healthcare Plan. Sign up for the LWV(Healthcare) listserv to get information.

*****National Action and Advocacy:** www.lwv.org

- **Support the Clean Air Act:** The Senate is expected to vote very soon on an amendment that attacks the Clean Air Act and would block EPA from taking action against climate change. If it passes, this will put public health at risk and jeopardize long-overdue action to cut emissions from the biggest polluters.
- **Support Fair and Clean Elections:** Fair and clean elections, determined by the votes of American citizens, should be at the center of our democracy. In the wake of Citizens United vs. FEC (2010), which threw out vital protections against corporate and union spending in elections, the League's Money and Elections work takes even greater precedence. While special interest money was always a concern in elections, corporations—including foreign corporations—may now intervene directly in elections, taking power away from voters. To mitigate the corruption that will inevitably increase following the Court's tragic mistake, the League strongly supports legislation that will enhance disclosure, fix the public financing system for presidential candidates and establish congressional public financing.
- Congratulations to all participants who worked to see that **Comprehensive Health Care Reform** was passed.

Natural Resources Portfolio: Director Amy Bishop-Dunbar

For the past year, LWVUS President Mary Wilson has been continually involved in advocacy efforts on federal climate change legislation. These activities can be tracked on the national website www.lwv.org.

In a coordinated advocacy effort with LWVUS office and OXFAM, local league members, including City Council Member Kevin McKeown, directly campaigned to Henry Waxman on his Climate Change Bill *The American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES)*, to ensure the appropriate set standards for reducing carbon cap emissions would be maintained. The bill passed with limited changes.

LWV Central Coast Environmental Task Force, a collective of Leagues from Santa Maria in the North, to Santa Monica in the South, met quarterly in Santa Barbara to collaborate on local coastal and state legislation issues such as land use, off shore oil drilling, water, energy and sustainability. The group's efforts assisted with recommendations sent to state council.

At the request of neighborhood council leader Zina Joseph we were asked to weigh in on the float up development projects now being proposed on Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles league member Jo Ann Applet, with experience in Land Use and County issues responded. Her comments, concerns, addressed the potential pitfalls of advancing development agreements ,when uncertainties existed with the schedule of development for light rail and other transportation projects.

In April, the Natural Resources Committee, Hannah Heineman and myself, with help from Shirley Friedman Chase, Leonard and Elizabeth Adler, hosted a public forum called “The Politics of Plastics”. The invited involved in managing plastic waste in our communities gave a comprehensive look at on its impact and cost. The panelists included: *Jonathan Bishop*-Chief Deputy Director State Water Resources Control Board, *Coby Skye*- Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, *Sonia Diaz*- Legislative Analyst, Heal the Bay, *James Bassett*- UCLA Professor of Business Sustainability, *Dean Kubani*- Sr. Environmental Analyst, City of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment, and *Richard Bloom*-CA Coastal Commissioner, Chair SM Bay Keepers, Council Member. The event was covered in the Santa Monica Mirror. Community advocates from all over LA County attended, they are still requesting copies of the power point presentations.

Student Unit Portfolio: Portfolio Director Anita Kemp

One of my great pleasures serving on board this year was working with our student members at Santa Monica High School. This was a first year and, as most first years are, was a continuing learning experience for all of us. However, I would consider it successful and look forward to building on our experiences next year.

Three board members were involved. Hannah Heineman worked with a student to write for our newsletter, Ann Hammond brought in a college intern who worked with the students and CityTV to produce a PSA encouraging informed voting. The PSA is currently being edited and will be available this summer for use in the fall elections.

A major project was working with the city's CREST after-school program to present a unit on civic involvement to fourth and fifth grade students. This was most successful and will be expanded next year.

We were not able to participate in a program from LWVUS on student voter registration, as their time line did not fit the school's schedule. However, we are considering a similar program in the fall and hope to have it finalized before school is out this spring.

The students have been a delight to work with. Many are graduating this spring and I am looking forward to a new class in the fall.

Joanne Leavitt

Studies Portfolio: Director Charles Donaldson

To be included.

ATTACHMENT – 8.

**LWV SANTA MONICA 2009 –2010
Acknowledgements and Recognitions**

2009 – 2010 LWV SANTA MONICA GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

September **“The State of Our City”**, Mayor Ken Genser,
October **“The State of Our Schools”**, SMMUSD Superintendent Tim Cuneo
December **“Constitutional Reform”**, Xandra Kayden, LWV California Advocacy Director and
Jessica Levinson Esq., Director of Political Reform for The Center for Governmental Studies
April **“The Politics of Plastics”**, Jonathan Bishop, Richard Bloom, Sonia Diaz, James Basset,
Dean Kubani, Coby Skye
May **“Advocacy and Action”** Measure A: Shari Davis Proponent and Don Gray Opponent
Proposition 15:

WOMEN WHO SHAPE SANTA MONICA 2010 HONOREES

Maggie Hall LWV Making Democracy Work Award
Barbara Inatsugu LWV Making Democracy Work Award
Iao Katagiri LWV Making Democracy Work Award
Senator Fran Pavley LWV Making Democracy Work Award

Betty Mueller The LWVSM President Chrysabell Pankurst Award

THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 2009-2010 LWVSM BOARD:

President: Amy Bishop-Dunbar
Secretary: Charles Donaldson
Communications Director: Hannah Heineman
League Action and Advocacy Director: Joanne Leavitt
Membership Director: Ana Jara
Government / Elections Director: Eloise Folley
Natural Resource Director: Amy Bishop-Dunbar
Student Unit Director: Anita Kemp
Studies Director: Charles Donaldson
Nominating Committee Chair: Leonard Adler

LWVSM ANNUAL MEETING “ IN LEAGUE SERVICE “ RECOGNITIONS

League leader working in government: Cheri Orgel
Community Partner supporting Leadership Growth and Development: Diane Dorin
LWV Student Unit Leaders (Santa Monica High School)

PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM**1986 –2010 LOCAL PROGRAM
Current Positions of LWV Santa Monica****1. LAND USE PLANNING**

Preface: No development should occur that would exceed the capacity of existing systems for power and water supply, waste water collection and treatment, solid waste disposal and resource recovery, or transportation unless such systems are planned for expansion with adequate financing and pollution controls.

- a. Encouragement of Mixed Use Development in Santa Monica. (That is commercial, residential and recreational uses combined in a planned unit).
- b. Encouragement of an increase in LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING.
- c. Support of zoning to encourage NEIGHBORHOOD - ORIENTED BUSINESS bordering residentially zoned areas.
- d. Support of zoning which would encourage PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION in the central business district.
- e. Support of LIMITED GROWTH in Santa Monica by more stringent zoning regulations, without eliminating the opportunity for low and moderate income housing.
- f. Support of CITY PLANNING based on Environmental Impact Reports.
- g. Support of planning and implementation for PROPER, ADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
- h. Support of BUFFER ZONES.
- i. Support of increased OPEN SPACE for recreation, including increased land for parks and play lots.
- j. Opposition for SPOT ZONING.
- k. Opposition to BUILDING ON THE BEACH FRONT except for limited recreational facilities.

2. SANTA MONICA AIRPORT (Updated March 2005, approved June 2005)

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica urges master planning of the entire airport area. Whether or not a master plan is implemented, the LWV of Santa Monica urges support of the following:

- a. Environmental Measures
 1. Maintain current curfew hours or their expansion after 2015.
 2. Maintain current noise level limit or its reduction after 2015.
 3. Continuation and expansion of staff education programs for pilot cooperation programs such as noise level reduction procedures.
 4. Strict enforcement of safety and environmental rules/regulations subject to periodic review.
 5. Monitor emissions and noise, increase research into their impact and support steps to mitigate those impacts as they become known.
- b. Residual/Non Aviation Land Use Measures
 1. Continuation of programs aimed at public safety and education.
 2. Land use proposals should take into consideration the impacts of traffic, parking, noise, and emissions.
 3. If the airport is closed, we recommend primary consideration be given to the original intent, which is parkland.
- c. Safety and Security Measures
 1. Active pursuit of Safety Zone Implementation and the Aircraft Conformance Program.
 2. Support for increased safety and appropriate security measures.

3. OIL DRILLING Opposition to on or off shore in the Santa Monica Bay area.**4. LIBRARIES**

Encourage continued financial support of the Santa Monica LIBRARY system above the minimum standard set by the American Library Association (ALA): no fewer branches than exist now, choice of books made by professional librarians; selection policy should include the first three articles of the ALA Library Bill of Rights; continued participation by the Santa Monica Public Library in the metropolitan cooperative library system. Support of Santa Monica Public Library System for adequate funding and maintenance of full services and collections; and with at least the present number of Main and Branch Libraries.

5. **EDUCATION** Support of policies that promote a high standard of education in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Among these policies are programs to insure optimum levels of INSTRUCTION for all students, with emphasis on basic skills, and provision of SUFFICIENT FUNDS for operation and building needs.

6. **BASIC HUMAN NEEDS** Support of programs at the local level to provide for all persons' equality of opportunity for education, employment and housing.

7. **HOUSING** in Santa Monica.

- a. Rent Control: Support the principle that the landlords and tenants share the cost of administering rent control.
- b. Subsidized Housing; Support use of a bond issue to purchase property for subsidized housing for seniors.

8. **HOMELESS in Santa Monica** The League of Women Voters promotes:

- a. Efforts by the city to expand federal, state and county resources to provide facilities for the mentally ill.
- b. Expanded use of city funds for outreach teams, whose members encourage homeless to seek and use existing services.
- c. Efforts by the city to expand federal, state and county resources to provide transitional housing. Promote efforts by the city to coordinate area wide approaches to solve the transitional housing needs.
- d. The concept of city support for emergency housing.
- e. City funding of social services for the homeless.
- f. Expanded city funding for runaway youth, homeless families and those responsive to short-term type services.
- g. Continued assistance of social service agencies which serve the homeless.

9. **TRAFFIC PLANNING in Santa Monica:**

The League of Women Voters supports:

- a. Synchronization of traffic lights and plans to move traffic more smoothly.
- b. Traffic calming devices which increase safety for both pedestrians and motorists.
- c. Provision for alley entrances to properties wherever possible and the encouragement of enforcement of existing laws for alley exits (i.e. stopping at sidewalks and again at street entries.)
- d. Creating more bicycle paths, pedestrian friendly areas, island crossings, lighted crossings, etc.
- e. New parking structures—either above or below ground—which are in connection or tied to mass transit systems and sustainable development. However, we would discourage the creation of more surface parking lots.
- f. Increased fees for parking and violations to more closely reflect the true public cost. We oppose subsidized public parking for private use.
- g. Encouraging residents to park in their own driveways or garages.
- h. A rich mix of mass transit development, including light rail, buses, shuttles and future consideration of subways.

10. **VOTING SYSTEMS** The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica supports consideration of alternative voting systems for Santa Monica elections with a special emphasis on the Single Transferable Vote or Choice System. Any system adopted should produce fair and accurate community representation reflecting the diversity (racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, gender, etc.) of the community; increase voter participation and maximize effective votes and raise the level of political campaigns and increase the focus on issues, not personalities. The system should be easy for the voter to use and understand, both in terms of understanding how to vote and how their vote would be counted.

2010 LWVSM NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to the Board May 5, 2010

The results of the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee deliberations are presented below:

	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>2010/11</u>	<u>2011/12</u>
PRESIDENT	Joanne Leavitt	X	X
VICE PRES. – ADMINISTRATION	Eloise Folley	X	
VICE-PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS	Barbara Inatsugu	X	X
SECRETARY	Charles Donaldson	X	
TREASURER	Judy Hopkins	X	X
 BOARD of DIRECTORS			
	Kathleen. Benjamin	X	X
	Anita Kemp	X	
	Hannah Heinemann	X	X
	Ellis Perlman	X	X
	Dorothy Morrisson	X	
 NOMINATING COMMITTEE			
CHAIR	Karen Carrey	X	
MEMBER	Sheila Field	X	
MEMBER	Betty Mueller	X	

LEONARD ADLER, Chair
BETTY MUELLER
PEGGY FONKELSRUD
CHARLES DONALDSON
ELOISE FOLLEY

Thank you all for agreeing to serve.

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA MONICA
DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD 2009-2010**

The LWVSM Board is an enthusiastic group of volunteers who look to you the membership, for suggestions ideas and recommendation for events and programs that would benefit our League. Over the next few weeks please think this over and take a few minutes to share that information with us. Write you ideas below and turn it in at the Annual Meeting on Saturday June 26. Thank you!