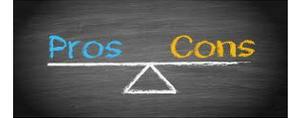




LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF VENTURA COUNTY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members and Friends of LWVVC:

Election Day is upon us, thank goodness! We have worked very hard over the last two months to do everything we could to educate and provide service to voters in preparation for this historic election. You have all played your part in this massive effort. Thank you one and all!

We have held and sponsored candidate forums in ten different communities, many for two or three different offices or issues per event. Each forum requires the services of at least 11 or 12 volunteers and countless hours of behind-the-scenes organization including arranging for a suitable site, choosing a date that works for the candidates, publicity, and all those volunteers. Thanks to Helen Lamonte and David Maron for their direction and commitment throughout the forums, and to all who assisted.

In addition to forums we have also sponsored several Pros & Cons presentations and printed and distributed almost 2,000 LWVC's Pros & Cons booklets (see link above for a copy). In addition, David Maron, Dr. Herb Gooch and Professor Scott Frisch have created a video of pros and cons which we have distributed to libraries and anyone requesting a copy. Judges Perrin and Johnson gave a very thorough Pros and Cons presentation at the Methodist Church in Ventura, and LWVVC members Jeannette Hosek and Geri Andrews gave a Pros and Cons presentation to the Newcomers Club in Newbury Park. Judy Murphy and I (Pat Essick) gave Pros and Cons talks to the Ojai Valley Woman's Club and the Ojai Democratic Club.

Registering voters has also been an important service that we have provided at various sites around the County. Carmen Hurd organized registration campaigns at each of Oxnard Unified School District's High Schools. In Ojai, Betsy Patterson, Pat Essick and four other volunteers registered students at Nordhoff High School on National Voter Registration Day in September. On Ojai Day, we registered voters, handed out pros and cons and introduced people to the League, all with the help of League and high school volunteers.

But, our job is not quite over. Vote, remind your friends and neighbors to vote, share Pros and Cons, the Voters Edge site (being kept up by Sage Intner and Elizabeth Moore), and let your Facebook friends know that you have voted.

On another note, we are planning a December holiday luncheon for the 3rd of December so please save the date. We hope you will join us for a fun luncheon with friends.

Yours in League and with deep appreciation,

Betsy Patterson & Pat Essick
Co-Presidents

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➤ SPECIAL EVENTS ◀



Saturday, December 3 - LWVVC Holiday Luncheon – Time: Noon.

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County Expects High Voter Turnout

The Ventura County Elections Division is expecting a high voter turnout for the Presidential General election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. We want to encourage voters to vote at their assigned polling place locations during non-peak hours of 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to avoid the anticipated long lines. We also encourage voters to review and mark their selections on their sample ballots ahead of time, thus, allowing for an expedited voting experience. Voters can also vote prior to Election Day at the Ventura County Elections Division Vote Center located at the Ventura County Government Center Hall of Administration, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016.

Vote by Mail Ballots may be dropped off at any of the following locations during their business hours through Election Day:



ELECTION 24-HOUR DROP OFF BOX, located in front of the Hall of Administration at the Government Center, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura.



CITY CLERK OFFICES:

- ◆ OJAI 401 S. Ventura Street (805) 646-5581
- ◆ FILLMORE 250 Central Avenue
- ◆ THOUSAND OAKS 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd.
- ◆ SAN BUENAVENTURA 501 Poli Street
- ◆ MOORPARK 799 Moorpark Avenue
- ◆ SANTA PAULA 970 Ventura Street
- ◆ SIMI VALLEY 2929 Tapo Canyon Road

- ◆ CAMARILLO 601 Carmen Drive
- ◆ PORT HUENEME 250 N. Ventura Road
- ◆ OXNARD 305 W. Third Street
- ◆ THOUSAND OAKS Grant Brimhall Library, 1401 E Janss Rd



ANY POLL LOCATION ON ELECTION DAY

For Ventura County Voter & Election Results click [HERE](#)
 For California Election Results click [HERE](#)

To Re-cap - Vote With the League

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CALIFORNIA



November 8, 2016 California Presidential Election

The League of Women Voters NEVER endorses parties or candidates, but does support or oppose issues we have studied and agreed about. See the October 2016 issue of the Voter for language outlining vote recommendations.

<u>PROP 51 School Bonds: K-12 & Community College</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>PROP 54 California Legislature Transparency Act</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>PROP 55 Children’s Ed & Health Care Protection Act</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>PROP 57 Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>PROP 58 English Proficiency. Multilingual Education</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>PROP 59 Constitutional Amendment Advisory Measure</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>PROP 62 Justice That Works: Death Penalty Abolition</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>PROP 63 Safety for All Act</u>	<u>YES</u>
<u>PROP 65 Sowing Confusion about the Plastic Bag Ban</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>PROP 66 Shortening Death Penalty Appeals</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>PROP 67 Protect California’s Plastic Bag Ban</u>	<u>YES</u>
NO RECOMMENDATION ON THE OTHER MEASURES ON THIS BALLOT	
<u>PROP 56 Cigarette Tax</u>	<u>NEUTRAL</u>

Because League positions do not cover the issues in the following measures, the LWVC is taking no stand on:

- Prop 52 (State Fees on Hospitals. Federal Medi-Cal Matching Funds)
- Prop 53 (Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval)

- Prop 60 (Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements), Prop 61 (State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards)
- Prop 64 (Marijuana Legalization).

LWVVC Supports VC's Measure AA

The League of Women Voters of Ventura County recommends a YES vote on Measure AA, the county ballot measure to impose a 1/2 cent sales tax to better provide for our county's transportation needs.

Successful Year Registering Students

Board of Directors:

Co-Presidents:

Patricia Essick
Betsy Patterson

Secretary:

Judith Murphy

Treasurer:

Robert Lowe

Directors at Large:

Pat Butler
Barbara Doyle
Suzanne Harvey
Helen LaMonte
Steve Lattimore
Carol Lindberg
Jennifer Matos
Pam Pecarich
Karen Savitt

A Very Busy Year Registering Voters

Our Voter Registration Project 2016 closed with seven high schools participating from the Oxnard Union High School District. Needless to say, preparation for this project took an enormous amount of volunteer time and commitment from our League members and friends. We also learned to be flexible and more accessible this year and adapt to whatever circumstances are presented to us in order to reach more students. We transitioned from the closed classroom presentation style to the larger cafeteria/patio/gym method of reaching larger groups of students at a single sitting...and then there was the cramped space of the career center at one of the schools. Nonetheless, we were glad to do it and managed to meet our goals and exceed our expectations.

In addition to actually registering high school students, we also provided workshop training for a group of government students at California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) to help prepare them for their own three-day campus event registering other students. As quid pro quo, four students from CSUCI volunteered to help us register young people at Hueneme High School in October.

Our last event of the 2016 season was at Rancho Campana in Camarillo. It is a new school that opened in 2014. The students were mostly sophomores and juniors so the goal was to pre-register them. One hundred very anxious students perused the new form to become future voters.

These past two months have been a testament to what our young people can do and contribute to make our democracy work. But it was the dedication and hard work of our League members and volunteers who answered the call, time after time, to help the students. Thanks to our League members Pat Essick, Pat Malloy, Carol Lindberg, Judy Murphy, Melanie Ashen, Geri Loe, Frances



L-R Scott Ripple, Carmen Hurd, Pat Essick, Mike Hurd, Amy Roth (Hueneme HS Faculty), Geri Loe, & Judy Murphy

Gagola and Mike Hurd. Also many thanks to volunteers Scott Ripple, Dori Jones and CSUCI students Carla Mena, Nathan Altman, Jocelyn Bello and Angela Christopher. The results of the voter registration project were:

High School	Students Processed	Students Registered
Frontier H.S, Camarillo (continuing school)	40	7
Pacifica H.S., Oxnard	700	290
Channel Islands H.S., Oxnard	560	102
Hueneme H.S., Oxnard	520	230
Oxnard H.S., Oxnard	275	83
Camarillo H.S., Camarillo	205	38
Rancho Campana H.S.(workshop)	100	36
CSUCI, Camarillo (Workshop)	45	
TOTALS	2,445	786

Submitted by Carmen Hurd, Port Hueneme

LWVVC BOARD DOINGS

All members are encouraged to attend monthly LWVVC Board meetings. See Calendar below for the when's and where's. Come and see what your Board is doing and learn about projects that are in the works.

Notes from October Board Meeting

Topics Covered and "To Do" List:

- Treasurer's Report - Bob Loe is working to convert LWVVC to a 501 (c) 3 tax status.
- President's Report and action items – Betsy Patterson and Pat Essick reported on the LWVVC Scholarship for a Moorpark Community College student, getting the necessary paperwork submitted for our 2017-2018 scholarship.
- Voter Services – Helen LaMonte reported on the completed forums and thanked the volunteers who made them happen. Carmen Hurd reported on our high school student voter registration efforts throughout the county. Now that the state Board of Education has dedicated the month of September to voter registration, Carmen will organize a teachers' training day next spring to help them prepare to take over this responsibility next Fall.
- The Board decided to form an advocacy committee. This group will be particularly important regarding when and if League endorses ballot measures including making sure there is plenty of time for thorough internal deliberation as soon as ballot issues are known.
- Program – Steve Lattimore updated the board on his continuing efforts to find a "futurist" speaker. He also suggested that we develop a program on climate change. Other possible topics included artificial intelligence and economic inequality.

Submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Members

We are especially happy to have these members dispersed around the county.

- Diane & Don Boughton - Camarillo
- Demaris Patten - Ventura
- Kristin Belshe - Ojai
- Katie Brokaw – Santa Paula
- Laurel Upton – Thousand Oaks

Donors – Thank you to our donors !!

- Katie Fellows

LWVVC Scholarship Fund Donors – We thank you

- Moorpark Chamber of Commerce

If you would like to donate to the LWVVC Scholarship Fund, please make your checks payable to “LWVVC Education Fund” with a notation “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line of the check. Send checks to LWVVC, P.O. Box 6786 Ventura, CA 93006. Contributions are tax deductible.

A Little Housekeeping

If you would like to receive the VOTER by mail and don't already, please send us an email or call Suzanne Harvey and let her know.

VOLUNTEER A LITTLE TIME

- lwvvc needs you! •

If you have some time and are interested in volunteering a bit of it for the good of the League, following is a list of projects that could use your help. If interested in getting involved, send an email to info@lwvventuracounty.org and let us know what you would like to do, someone will follow-up.

▶ **Advocacy Committee.** This group will be particularly important regarding when and if LWVVC endorses ballot measures including initiating League deliberations as soon as ballot issues are determined. LWVVC can advocate on subjects on which the League has a position. We cannot disagree with state or national endorsements however we can decide not to take any action. Chelsea Sutula – Ventura, and Carol Lindberg – Ventura are looking for other members to join them in this effort.

▶ **Members for a Program Committee** to help identify topics of interest and plan meetings, forums.

▶ **In Search Of Someone to Take Over as LWVVC's Representative to the Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network.** We need someone who will keep our Board and members (via the VOTER) informed of the doings of the organization and serve as our liaison. For example, they hold one or two events each year where we typically have a presence.

▶ **Articles for the VOTER.** We are always looking for articles to include in the VOTER. Anyone who has a piece they think would be of interest to our members should send it to info@lwvventuracounty.org. [VOTER deadline is one week prior to ending of every month.](#)

Working on a project for the LWVVC and need some help? Send an email to info@lwvventuracounty.org and tell us what you need and we'll include it in the next VOTER. Please include dates, location, time of day.

THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

- all league meetings are open to the public •

CALENDAR

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▶ **Tuesday, November 15 - LWVVC Board Meeting** – 11:00 am to 1 pm (please be prompt). Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear).

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