

BRING THIS KIT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting
League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County
and
San Joaquin County League Education Fund
May 25, 2016

Welcome and Introductions

Speakers

Tori Verber Salazar, San Joaquin County District Attorney
Kristine Reed, Chief Deputy District Attorney
and
Suzanne Schultz, Family Crimes Coordinator

Community Safety and the District Attorney's Team

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Quorum Count Report

Adoption of the Rules of the Day and the Order of Business

Appointment of Committee to Approve 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Consideration of new dues structure

Presentation of Recommended Program

Consideration and Adoption of 2016-2017 Issues for Education and Advocacy

Presentation of Proposed Budget

Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominations from the Floor

Election of Officers and Directors

Introduction of the New Board

Directions to the Board

Announcements

Adjournment

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Annual Meeting Procedures

VOTING

Voting is limited to members of the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County.

QUORUM

Fifteen percent of members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Requires a majority vote of members present and voting.

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Requires a two-thirds vote of members present and voting.

CONSIDERATION OF NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEMS

Program items submitted by voting members two months prior to annual meeting, 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.

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

► **MOTION:** Adopt 2016-2017 Issues for Education and Advocacy

- Gun Violence Prevention
- Voter Service (forums, Pros and Cons, voter registration)
- Immigration

2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

Category Description	Proposed 2016-2017 Budget	Expense as % of Income	Allowable Ed Fund % (& Amount) (Selected categories)
INCOME			
Dues	5,220		
Circle of Support/Donations	1,500		
Annual Meeting	1,200		
Ed Fund Grant	2,961		
TOTAL INCOME	10,881		
EXPENSES			
Administration & Communications			
Rent	600		
Website Fee	160		
Mailbox Fee	164		
Secretary of State Info Filing Fee	20		
Insurance Premium to LWVC	207		
Supplies	350		
Postage	500		
Printing	700		
Professional Services - Publication Layout	600		
TOTAL Admin & Communications	3,301	30%	45% (1,485)
Meetings & Events			
Educational Forums	500		
Annual Meeting	945		
Awards	30		
2017 LWVC Convention	800		
TOTAL Meetings & Events	2,275	21%	
Membership			
Membership (SJCCSW)	50		
National PMP	1,856		50% (928)
State PMP	1,624		25% (406)
TOTAL Membership	3,530	32%	
Voter Service			
Publications (Easy Voter, Pros & Cons)	475		
Voter's Edge California	100		
Candidate Forum #Facilities Rental	500		
Professional Services - Videotaping	700		
TOTAL Voter Service	1,775	16%	100% (1,775)
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,881		(4,594)

Submitted by the 2016 Budget Committee: Donna Brown, Christeen Ferree, Kathy Schick, Bill Loyko, Jane Wagner-Tyack

► **MOTION:** Adopt the 2016-2017 Budget

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of LWVSJC Officers and the Board of Directors for 2016-2017.

Officers

- President (2016-2018) Christeen Ferree**
- 1st Vice President (2016-2018) Kathy Casenave**
- 2nd Vice President (2016-2018) Cate White**
- Secretary (2016-2018) Susan Mora Loyko**
- Treasurer (2015-2017) Jane Wagner-Tyack

Directors

- Diane Park (2016-2018)**
- Bea Lingenfelter (2016-2018)**
- Bill Loyko (2015-2017)
- Julie Schardt (2016-2018)**
- Lauren Ah-Tye (2016-2018)**
- Kathy Schick (2016-2018)**

NOTE: Those candidates printed in BOLD are to be elected at the Annual Meeting. Included are individuals who were appointed by the Board during the past year.

Portfolios

- Voter Services/Speakers Bureau – Vickie Markarian, Bea Lingenfelter, Dee Matteucci
- Finance – Bill Loyko, Daphne Shaw
- Advocacy – Cate White
- Webmaster - Walt White/Stina Va
- Social Media - Stina Va

2017 Nominating Committee

- Vacant. (to be elected)**
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- Two members of the Board to be selected during the year

2017 Helen Pearson Award Committee

- Vickie Markarian, Chair (to be elected)**
- Vacant (to be elected)**
- Two members of the Board to be selected during the year

Submitted by the 2016 Nominating Committee: Susan Mora Loyko, Chair; Daphne Shaw, Julie Schardt, Kathy Schick

► **MOTION:** Elect Officers, Board of Directors, & Nominating Committee & Helen Pearson Award Committee

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County

2015-2016 Annual Report

☞ Reports on our League Year

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FY 2015-2016

Information as of 4/21/2016

58 - Primary members

8 - Additional (household) members

66 - Total members

FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING

In the Summer 2015 *Voter*, members received 2014-2015 year-end financial reports for LWVSJC and the San Joaquin County League Fund (Ed Fund), as required by the bylaws. The fiscal year for both entities ends June 30. As of 6/30/2015, LWVSJC expenses exceeded income by \$1,485. (We finished the year in the red.) The General Fund bank account balance was \$6,164. Ed Fund net worth as of 6/30/2015 was \$10,946.

Donations this year were higher than we had budgeted for. To deal with income shortfalls in other categories, the board of directors considered dues adjustments and reevaluated use of Ed Fund monies to support our activities. At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the board will ask members to approve a dues increase that will cover both increased per member payments to the state and national Leagues and the regular operating expenses of our local League, which have not been covered by dues at the present level.

As of April 21, 2016, Circle of Support, memorial, and other donations total \$2,881 for this fiscal year: \$1841 for the General Fund and \$1,040 for the Ed Fund. The Sylvia Kothe Memorial Fund balance is \$1,340, with a \$700 donation having gone to Delta College to provide scholarships. Thank you to Diane Park for her Circle of Support fundraising efforts.

- Jane Wagner-Tyack, Treasurer

 CIRCLE OF SUPPORT DONORS

A BIG thank you to *Circle of Support* and *Memorial* Donors as of April 2016

In addition to members who donate throughout the year to both our General Fund and our Education Fund, we wish to thank those who made special donations this past year to our Circle of Support. Your generosity has allowed us to grow and expand the work of the San Joaquin County League of Women Voters.

Lauren and Denny Ah Tye	Sarah King
Nan Ballot	Paula LeVeck
Inez Barrious	Ort and Sylvia Lofthus
Candace Blue	Patti Mah
Beverly Blum	Dorothy Mar
Janet Bonner	Darrow and Mary Marcus
Donna Brown	Dee Matteucci
Judith Buethe	Loralee and James McGaughey
Jeannine and Darrell Burns	Sharmaine Mendez
Leslie Hays Campbell	Patricia and Larry Meredith
Katherine Casenave	Cynthia Milford
Coralie Coleman	Diane Morgali
Concerned Citizens' Coalition of Stockton	Catherine New
Eileen Darrah	Leslie Oliver
Norma Smith Davis	Diane Park
Christeen Ferree	Carla Pedrini
Hazel Fields	Claudia Prather
Colleen Foster	Jim and Julie Schardt
Francine Gottlieb	Eleanor Shimeall
Margaret Guttieri	Patricia Sitkin
Linda Hammons	Jessie Springborn
Kathleen Hart	JoAnne Talbot
Heritage Oak Winery, Tom Hoffman	Van Ha To-Cowell
Marcela Hutak	Barbara Walker
Gladys Ikeda	Sharon Walker
Sharon Jarvis	Alice Welch
Janice Jordan	Mary Westin
Patricia and Frank Kim	Doray Vail
	Patricia Voss

VOTER SERVICES AND SMART VOTER

Candidate Forums

In the fall of 2012 our League was contacted by the Delta College Political Science Department requesting our help in setting up a forum for candidates for the Delta Board of Trustees. We did so and the Delta staff and students expressed interest in collaborating with us for future forums. It has taken 3½ years but we made the connection again in a very big way.

On the evenings of May 2 and May 3 our League, the radio station 93.5 FM located on the Delta campus, and the Associated Students of Delta College co-sponsored forums for 3 Stockton City Council districts, 2 San Joaquin County Supervisor districts and the Stockton City Mayor. This involved 26 candidates and it was broadcast live on the radio.

It was a pleasure to work with the Delta community - the radio personnel, the students, faculty, security, and classified staff. All were so cooperative and appreciative of our involvement. It was an important first step in getting more young people involved in local issues and impressing upon them the importance of voting. We hope to continue the collaboration with Delta in the fall.

Thank you to all of the League members for assisting in different ways - your participation made the forums successful and further enhanced our reputation as the go-to organization for these events.

Pros & Cons, Voter's Edge

The only ballot measure on the June 7 Primary is Prop. 50, now endorsed by the state League; so we will not do Pros & Cons until the Fall election. This summer Vickie Markarian will hold a training session for members interested in helping out with presentations of the ballot measures.

We continue to distribute the Easy Voter Guide to senior centers and other organizations upon request.

Our primary activity for the primary election has been contacting candidates in our county to get them on Voter's Edge. For those not familiar with this website, it replaces the old Smart Voter website.

ACTION AND ADVOCACY

Each year, the League chooses topics for Education and Advocacy at the national and state levels. In addition, our local League chooses issues for study in the year ahead at our annual Program Planning Meeting. This year, the League of Women Voters US chose Voting Rights, Money in Politics, Redistricting Reform, and Safeguards for any proposed Constitutional Convention as first tier topics, with Climate Change being a second tier topic. The League of Women Voters of California chose to emphasize Money in Politics, Climate, Sustainable Water, and Protecting the Environment, and a Minimum/Living wage. Some of the topics we chose for local emphasis at our January 2015 Program Planning Meeting corresponded with these issues, including climate change. Our League presented two forums aimed at educating the public on this topic. In October, we addressed the Health Impacts of Climate Change. In February, we presented a report on Fracking in California, which was also in line with the LWVC emphasis of Protecting the Environment. Our final forum this April tackled the subject of Early Childhood Education in San Joaquin County, corresponding with another topic chosen for local emphasis, Early Childhood Education. Each of these forums was held with the idea that we would better inform ourselves so that we could make wise decisions in the future.

As far as direct action, we have looked to the state League for positions on issues that affect us both locally and statewide. We were especially pleased to see that our state League president, Helen Hutchison, signed a letter last fall stating that the League can not support the California Water Fix (Delta Tunnels) as planned, since it doesn't conform to League policies on water conservation, water quality, environmental protection, and cost benefit analysis. One of our board members, Jane Wagner-Tyack, serves on the state Water Committee that was instrumental in articulating this position.

Since this is an election year, you can look for LWVC taking positions on various state ballot propositions. So far, they have taken a position in support of Proposition 50, which will be on the June ballot. This measure will give the Legislature power to suspend members who violate the public trust, as well as their salary and benefits. The Legislature currently has the power to suspend members but not to withhold their salary and benefits. Proposition 50 also includes safeguards that will prevent abuse of these suspension powers. In the Legislature, the state League is supporting Senate Bill 1349, which will modernize Cal-Access, California's online system for campaign and lobbying disclosures. Most propositions will appear on the November ballot, so look for the League to take positions on them this summer. In addition, our San Joaquin County League will be examining any local ballot measures on the November ballot to determine what positions we might take.

The board is always looking for members interested in Advocacy to form a committee. Please let me know if this appeals to you! It promises to be an exciting and active year ahead!

Submitted by Cate White, Advocacy Chair

∞ 2015-2016 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Kick-off Meeting

The kickoff meeting was held in September at the Lockeford home of Christeen and Bruce Ferree, where League members enjoyed the country setting and the opportunity to hear about the planned events for the upcoming year.

Holiday Party

This past December, we enjoyed a holiday potluck hosted by Colleen Foster and Donna Brown. For entertainment, it's hard to beat our annual White Elephant gift exchange.

Program Planning Meeting

The League held its Program Planning Session on 23 January, 2016 at the home of Treasurer Jane Wagner Tyack. Members discussed the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats facing our League. Voter Service (e.g., candidate forums, Pros and Cons, Smart Voter) was the most prominent strength. Limited member participation and limited funding were among the weaknesses discussed. Focusing membership recruitment on those who have an interest in League issues; more personal outreach by inviting members to participate in activities; including social justice issues in our programs; and better social media outreach to attract younger members were mentioned as opportunities. Apathy, lack of funding, and the small number of young members were among the threats to a successful League.

Health Effects of Climate Change Forum

About 40 people gathered on October 17th for a forum titled "Climate Change: Impacts on Health." The program opened with comments by Congressman Jerry McNerney. Barb Alberson, Senior Deputy Director for Policy and planning for San Joaquin Public Health Services moderated the presentation. Attendees heard presentations by Dr. Linda Rudolph, Director of the Center for Climate Change and Health at the Public Health Institute in Oakland, who reviewed the effects of global warming on water quality; Bonnie Holmes-Gen, Senior Director for Policy and Advocacy for the American Lung Association in California, who tied global warming to health risks associated with air pollution; and Katelyn Roedner Sutter, Environmental Justice Program Director at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton, who spoke about the impact of climate change on poor and vulnerable communities.

Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) in California Forum

On March 12, an informational forum on *The California Fracking Report* was hosted by the League. The report is a summary of a recent study completed by the nonpartisan independent California Council on Science and Technology. Attendees heard Dr. Preston Jordan, a leader in the study, present information on the results of an independent assessment of environmental issues related to hydraulic fracturing in California, including its effects on our water, the atmosphere, seismic activity and human health. Linda Phillips of the California League of Women Voters presented information on current energy-related legislation.

Early Childhood Education Forum

April 30th saw the League present “Early Childhood Education Programs in san Joaquin County: What is Currently Available ? Can We do More?” The program addressed problems with education in our county, including woeful statistics in early literacy. The forum concentrated on comprehensive classroom programs and featured presentations by Kay Ruhstaller, Director of the San Joaquin County Resource and Referral Agency; Linda Craig Program Director from El Concilio; Nancy Cook, Director of the Delta College Child Development center; Angela Beyer, professor in Delta’s Early Childhood Education Department, and several contributors from the County Office of Education Early Childhood Education department.

 **EASY VOTER GUIDE IS ON-LINE FOR THE JUNE PRIMARY**

Found in a variety of languages at: <http://www.easyvoterguide.org/>



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

ANNUAL MEETING

Speakers:

Tori Verber Salazar

San Joaquin County District Attorney

Kristine Reed

Chief Deputy District Attorney

Suzanne Schultz

Family Crimes Coordinator

Community Safety and the District Attorney's Team

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Old Spaghetti Factory 2702 W. March Lane Stockton

Gathering and no-host bar 5:30; Dinner 6:00; Program 6:30;
Business meeting to follow

Cost: \$35

Reservations required.

Reservation deadline: May 18, 2015

Meals: (1)baked lasagna with beef & pork, (2) chicken marsala, (3) Pasta with marinara sauce (no meat).
The last choice can be made with gluten free pasta.

Meal selection can be made upon arrival at Old Spaghetti Factory

To make your reservations, send a check made out to **LWVSCJ** to LWVSJC, P. O. Box 4548, Stockton, CA 95204. With questions or to cancel a reservation, contact Kathy Cassenave, 473-3320, kjcaz@att.net. Cancellations accepted through May 18, 2016. Payments cannot be refunded for cancellations after that date.

RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Enclosed is _____ to cover _____ person(s) at \$35 each.



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LWVSJC Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2015
Old Spaghetti Factory 2702 W. March Lane Stockton

**Speakers: Tori Verber Salazar, Kristine Reed,
and Suzanne Schultz**
“Community Safety and the District Attorney’s Team”

RESERVATION INFORMATION IS ENCLOSED.

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