



THE VOTER

On the Local Ballot....

There are three local measures on the November 7 General Election ballot. **Measures H and I** will ask voters if they want SMUD to become their electric service provider, instead of PG&E, and **Measure J** will ask voters to approve \$190,000,000 in bond sales, to fund new facilities and facility improvements in the Yuba Community College District. Along with these three measures are two candidate races. Running for **District 3 Yolo County Supervisor** are incumbent Frank Sieferman, Jr, and challenger Matt Rexroad. Vying for **Area 3 Trustee on the Yuba Community College District Governing Board** is incumbent Alan Flory of Woodland, and challenging candidates Rosie Ochoa of Woodland, and Christy K. Scofield of Arbuckle.

Rounding out the ballot are 13 state propositions, the race for US Congressional Districts 1 & 2, US Senator, California 8th Assembly District, seven state constitutional offices, including governor, and two California Supreme Court judges.

Ballot fatigue, anyone? Fortunately, help is on the way, courtesy of the League of Women Voters Ed Fund. This help is in the form of the publications known as Pros and Cons, and the *Easy Voter Guide*. These nonpartisan publications present the facts - both for and against - each of the 13 state propositions and should be considered a must read before heading to the ballot box, or filling out that absentee ballot. Contact LWV publications chair, Pat Butler, to receive your copies today! Or view these publications on line at www.lwvc.org (Pros and Cons), and www.easyvoter.org (*Easy Voter Guide*).

ATTENTION LEAGUE MEMBERS

On **Saturday October 14, 9 am until 3 pm**, the League of Women Voters of California and the Davis League will be hosting a regional workshop for all League members in the area. It will be held at the University Retirement Community, 1515 Shasta Drive in Davis. The workshop schedule includes:

- **League 101:** Everything you need to know to make League work, presented by LWVC president, Jackie Jacobberger
- **Voters Service:** How to run a local homeowners association election (a fee based service provided by many Leagues around the state) by Bobbie Fischler, president San Jose/Santa Clara LWV
- **Membership:** Getting and keeping members all year long, by Crownie Billik, MTA coordinator Northern CA, LWVC
- **Connecting With Your Community:** Sharing ideas and tools for increased community connections and visibility, by Carol Souza Cole, Easy Voter Guide Project, LWVC Ed Fund.

To register on line go to the members only section of the LWVC website, or call Jean Lund, 753-7470 to reserve a spot. The fee for the workshop is \$25 and includes lunch.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Pat Murray

Have you urged your friends and neighbors to nominate someone worthy to receive the "Democracy Works" award? Time is running out so do so soon because decision time is closely approaching!

By the time you receive this Voter the supervisor Forum will have taken place, but there will be an information meeting on

Measures H and I on October 4. It is important for League members to attend forums and informative meetings because we are looked to, to be informed about local events.

November is approaching and with it, election time. Working on an election board is a great way to assist our democratic way.

There are concerns about the fairness of this upcoming election due to many events. The first, of course, is the reliability of the voting machines. Yolo County has selected a machine that leaves a paper trail, this however, is not the case in many states who have discovered many problems with their choice of machines that are jamming and duplicating ballots. Five states have placed restrictions on voters

to produce a picture ID in order for citizens to vote. This has caused great distress to poor, rural voters in the south to obtain a picture ID. Arizona is considering a proposal to boost voter turnout by awarding a million dollar prize to one randomly selected voter, just for casting a ballot. How sad that we must resort to such a plan!

Be sure to vote November 7 and take along your neighbor to the polls if you have the time. In the last election, 22 million women did not vote!

Sincerely,
Pat



Our Democracy Depends on Your Participation!

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan grassroots network involving citizens in the democratic process. We are the most widely respected "good government" organization working for political change in California and in our community. We encourage you to be involved in your community on issues of concern that will improve your future.

Good News, Bad News

- from LWVC News

The end of the legislative session brought a mixture of good news and bad news on bills supported by the League.

Let's start with the good news. Among the notable bills LWVC lobbied for in August was AB 32 (Nunez and Pavley), the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Governor Schwarzenegger signed this landmark bill. It mandates reporting and monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions by major emitters and requires those emissions to be limited to 1990 levels by 2020. Meanwhile, California is receiving international kudos for taking aggressive action to curb harmful emissions.

Another environmental bill strongly supported by the LWVC did not fare as well, however. SB 426 (Simitian), which would have required an evaluation and ranking of proposals for LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminals, died in an Assembly committee on the last day of the session.

The score is mixed on SB 840 (Kuehl), the bill to establish a single-payer system of health care financing for the state. League members joined the applause as Senator Kuehl guided her measure to final passage on August 31. Unfortunately, the Governor has stated he will veto it (*editor's note: the governor vetoed SB 840 September 22*).

California's Exclusive Electorate: a "must read" for League members

Earlier this month the California Public Policy Institute released a report on who votes in California. The facts presented are sobering. There is a growing gap between voters and nonvoters since 1990. This is a real problem for our state since so much policy is adopted through ballot initiatives.

Some glimpses into the publication reveal:

- The majority of Californians who are frequent **voters** are age 45 and older (62%), homeowners (77%), and college graduates (53%).
- The majority of California **nonvoters** are under age 45 (76%) and renters (66%); fewer than one in five are college graduates (17%).
- 8 in 10 adults are eligible to vote but just 56 percent are registered; less than half (43%) belong to one of the major parties
- In 1994 65 percent of the adult population was registered to vote
- 12 million of California's 27.7 million adults are not registered to vote. Of this total, seven million are eligible to vote, and five million are not

- While the state has become more diverse, the adults who frequently voter are predominantly white, and relatively affluent.

- Likely (or frequent) voters and nonvoters differ in political views - likely voters are divided about the role of government and want to limit its role. Nonvoters want a more active government, are less positive about elected officials, and favor ballot measures that would spend more on programs to help the poor

- Although whites are projected to be one-third of the state's adults by 2040, they are still expected to be the majority of voters in 25 years.

The complete report is available at www.ppic.org.


Coming in the November Voter: A report on the Davis and Woodland Regional Water Supply Project




**November 7, 2006
General Election**


THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RECOMMENDS...


*The League has no position on **Proposition 83** (Sex Offenders, Sexually Violent Predators, Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring) and is neutral on **Proposition 1A** (Transportation Investment Fund) and **Proposition 87** (Severance or Extraction Tax on California Oil Producers).*


 **YES ON PROPOSITION 1B -- Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006**


Proposition 1B is part of the bond package developed to help rebuild California's infrastructure. It will raise \$19.9 billion for transportation improvements that reduce congestion on roads and highways, expand public transportation and improve air quality.

 **YES ON PROPOSITION 1C -- Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.** Proposition 1C will fund housing programs that assist the most vulnerable Californians and provide affordable homes for working families. It will help cities and counties finance infrastructure, parks, and environmental cleanup to support infill development.


 **YES ON PROPOSITION 1D -- Education Facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006**
A quality education is the best investment in our children's future. California has not kept up with the need for school modernization and new school construction. Proposition 1D funds will reduce overcrowding, build vocational education facilities, and provide for our growing community college population.

 **YES ON PROPOSITION 1E -- Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.** This bond measure will provide funds for flood protection, levee repairs and improvements in the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta, and storm water management. The League supports Proposition 1E to protect our existing water supply infrastructure and prevent pollution in our streams and the ocean.

 **YES ON PROPOSITION 84 -- Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute**
This initiative continues the League's past support of efforts to insure that California has adequate water supplies. Proposition 84 will fund projects for safe drinking water, flood control, protection of rivers, lakes and streams, forest and wildlife conservation, coastal protection, and state parks.

 **NO ON PROPOSITION 85 -- Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Waiting Period and Parental Notification.**

Parents rightfully want to be involved in their teenagers' lives, but good family communication can't be imposed by government. Mandatory notification laws may sound good, but in the real world, they just put the health and safety of teenagers at risk. Proposition 85 isn't really about parental rights; it's about the political agenda of abortion opponents.

 **YES ON PROPOSITION 86 -- Tax on Cigarettes.** Proposition 86 increases the state tax on cigarettes by \$2.60 per pack. The estimated \$2.1 billion in annual revenue will fund children's health coverage, emergency care services, nursing education, tobacco-use prevention

and control programs, and research, prevention and treatment of serious health conditions including cancers, heart disease, stroke, asthma, and obesity. Proposition 86 will cut tobacco use drastically and keep hundreds of thousands of kids from starting to smoke. It will save billions of dollars in health care costs.



NO ON PROPOSITION 88 -- Classroom Learning and Accountability Act. Real Property Parcel Tax.

This measure would impose a \$50 tax on each real property parcel to help fund several K-12 education programs. While the League supports access to quality education for all, this measure contradicts good government finance principles of equity and adequacy. It proposes to earmark funds via a constitutional amendment without providing sufficient funding to even bring education spending up to the national average. It would also involve the state for the first time in taxing property—a precedent we do not support.



YES ON PROPOSITION 89 -- California Nurses Clean Money and Fair Elections Act of 2006. Public Financing of Campaigns. Corporate Tax Increase.

Proposition 89, the California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act, will limit influence by special interests and level the playing field so elections are decided

by ideas, not by money. Candidates who demonstrate broad-based support and agree to limit their spending will receive public campaign financing. This measure also imposes sensible new limits on campaign contributions and bans contributions by lobbyists and state contractors. Funding will be provided by an increase of 0.2 percent in the corporate income tax rate. With Proposition 89 we can clean up the system and make politicians accountable to voters, not to big money donors.



NO ON PROPOSITION 90 -- Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property

Californians deserve protection from eminent domain abuse, but Proposition 90 is a radical proposal that goes too far. Its extreme provisions would make it difficult for government to protect the environment, regulate growth and development, or enact new consumer protection laws. This “Taxpayer Trap” would drive up the cost of infrastructure projects our communities need. It is poorly worded and would likely result in costly litigation.

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**IMPORTANT DATES
FOR THE
NOVEMBER 7
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October 9-31 Absentee Ballot Requests must be made during this time

October 17 Last day for counties to mail Sample Ballot

October 23 Last Day to Register to Vote for the November 7, 2006 General Election

November 7 Election Day
Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm

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Calendar

October 4 7-9 pm Measure H&I

Forum, County Fair Mall, central quad area
co-sponsored by LWV and WRG

October 10 LWV Board meeting 7 pm,
Kathy Harryman's

October 16 6:30 pm - 9 pm Yuba Com-
munity College District Trustee candidate
and Yolo County Supervisor District Forums
Rick Gonzales, Sr Building (Cottonwood and
Beamer. Sponsored by Latino Community
Council

October TBD - Measure J forum contact
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October TBD "Democracy Works" Dinner
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November 14 LWV Board Meeting 7pm