



# THE VOTER

## **“Democracy Works” Award**

The League of Women Voters of Woodland is seeking nominations for our first ever “Democracy Works” award. This award will be given annually to honor an individual or organization that promotes the spirit of democracy in our community. We are seeking nominees who by their positive actions have furthered the democratic process in tangible ways; keeping democracy working for citizens in our area.

To nominate someone for this honor please send in a summary of why you think this person or organization exemplifies democracy in action in Woodland. Our nominating committee and Board will review the proposals. Their selection will be announced at our annual kick-off event this fall. Nominations can be sent to: LWV Woodland, Democracy Works, P.O. Box 2463 Woodland CA 95776, or email: [debbiepeterson@emalab.com](mailto:debbiepeterson@emalab.com). by 9/21/06.

## **ATTENTION LEAGUE MEMBERS**

Membership vice-president, Debbie Peterson, is looking for several League members to work with her on the “Democracy Works” award. League members are needed to serve on the nominating committee for this new award. As this is the premiere year for this annual event, we are looking for members to sort through the nominations and to help refine the process used to define the parameters of this new award. Time commitment is minimal as we will meet 2 or 3 times in September to review candidates and make a recommendation to the LWV Board. To serve on this committee please contact Debbie at 662-9510 or [debbiepeterson@emalab.com](mailto:debbiepeterson@emalab.com).

### **CANDIDATE FORUM**

**YOLO COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 3**

**CO-SPONSORED BY WOODLANDERS FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT**

**THURSDAY**

**SEPT. 28**

**7 PM**

**FIRE STATION#3  
(IN CUL DE SAC OFF PIONEER AVE,  
ACROSS FROM FOOD 4 LESS SHOPPING CENTER)**

***Questions for the candidates will be accepted and encouraged from the audience***

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with your ideas and questions.*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Bj Ford*

Pat and I are looking forward to this League year. There will be opportunity for our members to become involved on several different levels and we encourage each member to participate in some way. The benefit from any organization is enhanced as friendships are made while working on a project of mutual interest.

We have some opportunities to take advantage of this benefit on our board as we have several vacancies. If any of these assignments interest you, please give me a call or email. Your contribution of time and talent is welcome.

### Live @ Five or Live @ Noon

**Coordinator:** This person would seek out programs of interest in the community to be presented in a one hour format either at noon or at 5 p.m., preferably once a month. These generally take place at the Woodland Public Library with light refreshments. At noon events attendees usually bring a brown bag lunch.

**Natural Resource Chair:** This position has a corresponding chair at the State level that furnishes information on a monthly basis which, if pertinent to our area, can be reviewed in the

Voter, and considered for action by the Woodland League. Staying abreast of information in local newspapers in this area which should be followed by our League is also important.

**Legislative Chair:** Again this position has a corresponding chair at the State level who regularly provides information on

current legislation to our membership on a regular basis noting what is of interest to the League and followed by our State lobbyist.



If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Pat or myself.

There is no better way to be informed than to be actively involved in League activities.

In these days of turmoil, I wish for peace, **Bj**

### 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.**

## HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

Our League has been asked to join the OneCareNow 365-City Campaign to pass SB 840 (Kuehl).

Dan Braunstein is heading up the Yolo Chapter of Health Care for All (HCA) and has put together a forum for physicians to discuss the impact the current insurance system has on their practices - especially their patient relationships. Efforts are also being made to establish a provider's advisory group to oversee the work of the Yolo Chapter of HCA.

Efforts to pass this legislation have been ongoing for several years. Former Woodland League member Lois Linford\*\* has been working diligently in the Santa Cruz area for its passage and has been in Sacramento several times meeting with legislators and fellow advocates.

**NOTE: SB 840 passed the Assembly August 28, and is headed to the governor's desk for signature consideration.**

*\*\*Lois Linford had double bypass heart surgery in early August. She is at home and doing fine. For those wanting to send a note, Lois address is: 1700 Escalona Drive, Santa Cruz, 95060.*

## BE A PART OF STUDYING HOW LOCAL CAMPAIGNS ARE FINANCED IN WOODLAND

A study of the campaign contribution code at the city level was voted on and approved at the League's annual meeting. The study of the code will clarify for our members the precautions which are now taken to assure that controls are in place to monitor the source of contributions to our local candidates and provide an opportunity for input into that process if deemed necessary.

We will look at the content of the "Disclosure Statement" in determining if proper followup steps are in place should an improper or late statement miss the stated deadline. Further, we will investigate whether the need for a ceiling of amount raised would be proper in local elections. Election codes from various communities of like size are being requested for review by the committee.

If you are interested in being part of this committee which will meet several times in January and February to review gathered material and develop a position to be submitted for adoption at the 2007 annual meeting, please contact B.J. Ford, 662-0952 and indicate your interest.

## LOCAL MEASURES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006

**MEASURE H:** Shall the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) annex into its service territory the Cities of West Sacramento, Davis and Woodland and the contiguous unincorporated area of Yolo county for the purpose of providing electric service, subject to the terms and conditions specified in the order adopted by the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) on June 7, 2006 ordering such annexation?

**MEASURE I:** Shall the Sacramento Municipal Utility district (SMUD) replace Pacific Gas and Electric Company as the electric service provider for the Cities of West Sacramento, Davis and Woodland and the contiguous unincorporated of Yolo County?

**MEASURE J:** "To repair/upgrade Yuba and Woodland Community Colleges, improve job training, university transfer, provide more courses to students close to home,

- Repair/expand classrooms for math, science, healthcare, nursing, police, fire, public safety programs,
- Upgrade electrical, heating, ventilation systems,
- Repair leaky roofs,
- Improve disabled access,
- Upgrade technology,
- Repair, construct, acquire, equip buildings, classrooms, sites, computer labs, shall Yuba Community College District issue \$190 million in bonds, at legal rates, with mandatory audits and citizen oversight to monitor spending?"

# A Snapshot of Women in California Politics

Edited by Pat Butler

An Analysis of Women Running for Legislative Office in the 2006 California Primary adapted from a publication by the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research (CEWAER). CEWAER does not endorse nor contribute to political candidates or campaigns. Article reprinted with permission.

The following information presented in CEWAER's publication, *A Snapshot of Women in California Politics*, is focused on the number of women currently serving in the California Legislature and the number of women who ran for office in the June primary. The data also produces "observations" for the June Primary, summarizing the possible outcomes and discusses how women in office and/or running for office may fare in and after the November elections

## State Senate

### THE SITUATION NOW

- There are twelve women serving in the State Senate making up 30% of the 40-member upper house. (All twelve are Democrats)
- Four Senators are not up for re-election. Two Senators are running for re-election.
- Six Senators are leaving the upper

house due to term limits.

- Of these six, two are running for Lt. Governor, two for Secretary of State, one for State Assembly and one is retiring from public office.

### "OBSERVATIONS" FOR THE JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> PRIMARY

- There were thirteen women from the major parties qualified to run for the State Senate on the June ballot. Two are incumbents. (Nine Democrats and four Republicans)
- Of the twenty seats that are up for election, two seats had women from the same party running against each other.
- Of the twenty seats that are up for election, four seats were contested primaries and had substantial male competition.

### WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN ON ELECTION DAY

- There were fifty-one candidates from the two major parties who ran in the June Primary. (Thirty-eight men and thirteen women)
- Of the twenty seats that were up on the June ballot, ten had a woman running (Eight Democrats and five Republicans)
- Of the ten seats that had a woman running, two women were incumbents.
- One seat had two women running from the same party with no male competition.
- Of the thirteen women running, five should win their party's nomination. \*
- Of the thirteen women running, seven are running in competitive races that are too close to call.

## **WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR WOMEN AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTION**

### **Best Case Scenario**

The two incumbent Senators are re-elected. Women win six of the other eight seats, bringing the total number of women in the State Senate to twelve or 30%. (No gain in total number of women Senators; Eleven Democrats and one Republican)

### **Worst Case Scenario**

The two incumbent Senators are re-elected. Women lose seven of the eight open seats, bringing the total number of women in the State Senate to seven or 17.5%. (A loss of five seats; seven Democrats and zero Republicans.)

## **State Assembly**

### **THE SITUATION NOW**

- There are twenty-five women serving in the State Assembly making up 31% of the 80-member lower house. (Nineteen Democrats and six Republicans)
- Fourteen Assemblywomen are up for re-election (Nine Democrats and five Republicans)
- Eleven Assemblywomen are leaving the Lower house due to term-limits.

(Twelve Democrats and one Republican)

- Of those eleven, four are running for the State Senate; two are running for their local Board of Supervisors; one is running for the Board of Equalization and four are retiring from public office.

### **“OBSERVATIONS” FOR THE JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> PRIMARY**

- 250 people qualified for the June primary ballot from the two major parties. Women made up 31% of the qualified candidates.
- There were seventy-eight women qualified to run for the State Assembly on the June ballot. (Forty-three Democrats and thirty-five Republicans)
- Of the eighty seats that are up for election, nine seats have more than one woman running from the same party
- Of the eighty seats that are up for election, twenty-nine seats (36%) have no women running.

## **WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR WOMEN AFTER THE NOV. 7 GENERAL ELECTION**

### **Best Case Scenario**

- All nineteen women favored to win their primary election also win the general election
- Women win all ten of the “toss-up” seats.
- If women were to win all the seats then it would equal a net gain of four seats held by women in the Assembly.
- The current number of women in the State Assembly is twenty-five with the possibility of twenty-nine or 36%. ( Twenty-one Democrats and eight Republicans)
- Possible gain of two seats for the Democrats and two seats for the Republicans.

### **Worst Case Scenario**

- Women win five (50%) of the “toss-up” seats.
- Of the nineteen seats that lean toward a women winning, women win only sixteen seats. (Fourteen incumbent seats; two seats that have only women running)
- Total number of women in the Assembly would be twenty-one.
- A loss of four seats in the Assembly.



# Join the League Today!

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95776**

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