

March 2007 Calendar

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March 15

Glendale Candidates Forum

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Fire Station 21
Glendale

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LWVC Convention

President's Message

GLENDALE HAS AN election coming up on April 3rd and the League is helping citizens prepare. Please be sure to

tune in to our Glendale City Council Candidates' Forum, Thursday, March 15 at 7pm. It will be broadcast on Glendale's GTV6, and repeated often prior to the election. I'm pleased to tell you that all of the candidates have agreed to participate, so we're looking forward to an interesting program.

We are eagerly soliciting questions from the public and League members to ask the candidates at the Forum. You can submit a question via the League phone at (818) 247-2407, or by email to me at marquezlww@earthlink.net.

On February 22nd, we had a dinner meeting at the Granville Café in Burbank to discuss immigration. As you may already know, the national

League has embarked on a two year study of immigration. We talked about the study, and all the resources available to League members at <http://www.lwv.org>. Then we talked about the immigration stories of the people present at the meeting. We had three naturalized citizens at the table with us, and they each shared stories of their journeys to the United States. It was a very interesting evening. We hope to have more like it, and to see you then. Stay tuned to the Voter for times and dates.

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Thursday, March 15
at 7pm

to see the live
broadcast of our
Glendale City
Council Candidates
Forum.

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rebroadcast often
before the election.
The League thanks
the Glendale City
Council and
Charter
Communications for
their participation.

Monica Marquez

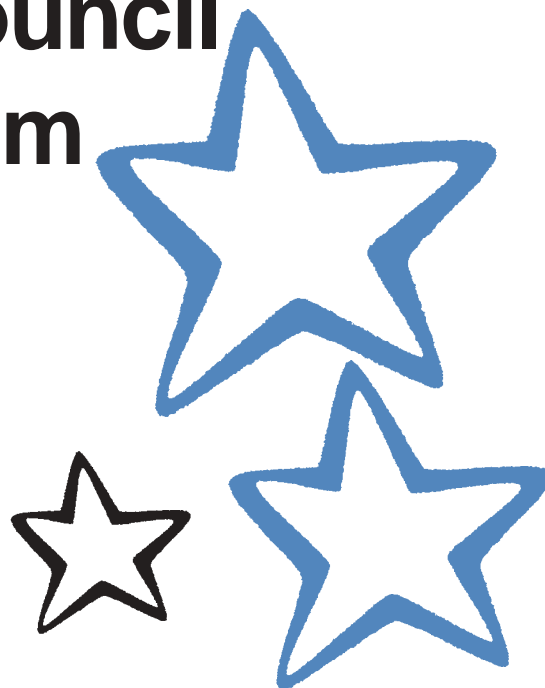


THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GLENDALE/BURBANK

Presents

Glendale City Council Candidates Forum

Glendale City Council Chambers
613 E Broadway
Glendale CA 91206
Thursday, March 15, 2007
7:00 pm



Vrej Agajanian
John Drayman
Chahe Keuroghelian
Greg Krikorian

Rafi Manoukian
Herbert Molano
Lenore Solis
Dave Weaver



Thank you to the Glendale City Council and Charter Communications for providing the space and equipment to make the forum possible.



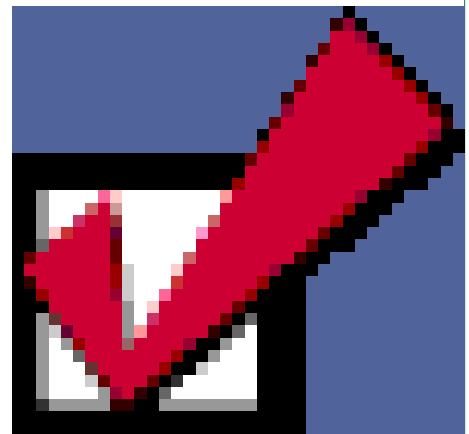
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GLENDALE/BURBANK

Please join us for our

Consensus Meeting

on the

Local Campaign Finance Study



Thursday, March 22, 2007
7 pm

Glendale Fire Station 21
421 Oak Street
Glendale
(across the street from the Glendale Galleria)

LWVUS News

U.S. Election Assistance Commission Research Finds Polling-Place ID Laws Reduce Minority Voter Turnout

Advocates express deep concern over the report's findings

Washington D.C - Advocates expressed deep concern today over new data that suggests Latinos, Asian Americans, and African Americans are less likely to vote as a result of increasingly restrictive voter identification (ID) requirements. These findings are the result of preliminary research presented to the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) by the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.

Researchers found that in the 2004 election, all voters, in states requiring voters to present documentation establishing their identity at the polls, were 2.7 percent less likely to vote than voters in states where no documentation was required. Latinos were 10 percent less likely to vote, Asian-Americans 8.5 percent less likely to vote and African Americans 5.7 percent less likely to vote.

“The study confirms that voter ID requirements keep more minority than white voters away from the polls,” said Maxine Nelson, President of **Project Vote**, a national nonpartisan organization that supports voter registration and voter education programs “When you think about the many close races in the past two elections cycles, this documented disparity raises profound questions about the legitimacy of our democratic system.”

“The biggest threat to the integrity of our electoral process is laws that prevent rather than encourage American citizens from casting a ballot,” said Arturo Vargas, Executive Director of the **National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund**, a national leadership organization dedicated to facilitating the full participation of Latinos in the American political process. “As the research suggests, restrictive voter identification laws are a potential threat to participatory democracy in the United States,” concluded Vargas.

“This data should serve as a wake-up call to those who didn’t think that restrictive ID provisions would harm voter participation and turnout,” said Mary G. Wilson, national president of the **League of Women Voters**.

“This is one more confirmation that ID requirements have harmful effects. We must recognize that not everyone has ID with their current name and address

and we must assure that no segment of voters is disenfranchised because of ID requirements,” she said. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has worked for more than 87 years to improve our systems of government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy.

“The small sample of Asian Americans is disconcerting,” said **Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)** staff attorney Glenn D. Magpantay. In 2004, AALDEF conducted a multilingual exit poll of almost 11,000 Asian American voters in eight states, the largest nonpartisan survey of its kind in the nation. AALDEF found that 66 percent of Asian American voters who did not have to show identification were required to provide identification.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) required states to institute voter ID requirements in federal elections for certain first-time voters who register by mail. Since 2004, several states have adopted stricter ID requirements that go far beyond HAVA’s mandates. These requirements not only place considerable burdens on the voters examined in the research, but on the elderly, persons with disabilities, students, and rural and low-income voters. While proponents of restrictive voter ID requirements argue that they are needed to combat voter fraud, there is no evidence that the type of fraud that these requirements address – voters who misrepresent their identity – is anything but an anomaly.

The US Election Assistance Commission contracted with the Eagleton Institute of Politics to study the impact of ID requirements on voting. Researchers used Current Population Survey (CPS) data from November 2004 to compare turnout data from states where voters had to present a document with their name and current address to states where voters only had to give their names. They then created a statistical model to isolate the effect of ID requirements from other factors affecting turnout. They presented their preliminary findings at an EAC hearing on February 8, 2007. The EAC is expected to release a complete report on voter ID later this year.



45th Annual Convention From Ship to Shelf

The activity at the Port of Los Angeles affects all of Los Angeles County; i.e., the delivery of food, clothing, and other products; the safety of our air and water; the increase of heavy truck traffic, and our security.

Saturday, March 31, 2007

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Palos Verdes Peninsula CA 90274

Included in the fee is a delectable **BRUNCH**
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- Vegetable Strata
- Fruit • Cottage Cheese
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SPEAKER:

Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D.

Executive Director

Ms. Knatz serves as the chief executive officer of the Port of Los Angeles. She administers all policies developed by the City of Los Angeles' five (5) Board of Harbor Commissioners and provides overall direction regarding the daily operation of the Port. All orders, rules and regulations adopted by the Board are implemented through the executive director. Ms. Knatz will give us an update briefing on subjects such as the new green ships and International Green Standards, the future of trade at the port, funds for environmental mitigation, and port security.

Reservation Deadline is March, 2007

Send form and check payable to LWV/LAC

Mail to LWV/LAC Treasurer, 427 E. Walnut Ave., Burbank CA 91501

Number of reservations: _____ @ \$15.00 each Total enclosed: _____

League _____

Name(s) _____

Convention Kits for delegates will be mailed to local League Presidents at the end of February. Additional copies will be available at the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

DIRECTIONS:

South Coast Botanic Garden at 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

From the Westside and LAX:

Take the 405 Freeway south. Take the Crenshaw Blvd exit towards Torrance. Continue south on Crenshaw for 6.0 miles. The Garden is on the left side of the road and has a large marquee.

From Claremont:

Take the 91 Freeway west to the 110 Freeway. Take the 110 Freeway south (about 5 miles) to Pacific Coast Highway exit. Proceed west on PCH for 3 miles. Turn left on Crenshaw Blvd and go 1.0 mile. The Garden is on the left side of the road and has a large marquee.

From the Beach Cities:

Go south on Pacific Coast Highway until you get to Crenshaw Boulevard in Torrance. Turn right (south) on Hawthorne and go 1.0 mile. The Garden is on the left side of the road and has a large marquee.

MORE

about the Port of Los Angeles. . . .



The Port of Los Angeles, Southern California's gateway to international commerce, is located in San Pedro Bay, just 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles. The Port encompasses 7500 acres, 43 miles of waterfront and features 26 cargo terminals, including dry and liquid bulk, container, breakbulk (Having, being, or related to shipments of goods packed in small, separable units), automobile and, omni (One source services) facilities. Combined, these terminals handle more than 162 million metric revenue tons of cargo annually. Last

year, the Port moved an impressive 7.3 million containers. The Port is also home to what is considered the nation's most secure cruise passenger complex, the World Cruise Center. This booming seaport along with the Port of Long Beach (where Ms. Katz was previously the Executive Director) sustains its competitive edge with record-setting cargo operations, but is also known for its groundbreaking environmental initiatives, progressive security measures and diverse recreational and educational facilities.

The Port of Los Angeles is a department of the City of Los Angeles and is often referred to as the Los Angeles Harbor Department. The Port is operated and managed under a State Tidelands Trust that grants local municipalities jurisdiction over ports and stipulates that activities must be related to commerce, navigation and fisheries. A five-member Board of Harbor Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council to provide direction and create policy for the Port.

As a proprietary and self-supporting department, the Port is not supported by taxes. Instead, revenue is derived from fees for shipping services such as dockage, wharfage, pilotage, storage, property rentals, royalties and other Port services. Considered a landlord port, the Port of Los Angeles leases its property to tenants who then, in turn, operate their own facilities.

Local Study Consensus Questions

WE ARE HOLDING OUR LOCAL STUDY consensus meeting on Thursday, March 22nd— see the flyer on page 3. Our preliminary consensus questions are as follows:

1. Should there be limitations on campaign contributions in municipal and community college elections? For candidates and propositions? If so, what limit?
2. Do you approve broadening the base of campaign funding to include direct public funding by your local city, whether partial or complete?
3. Do you approve broadening the base of campaign funding to include “free” or subsidized government services? Which ones: candidate ballot statements; televised candidate interviews or statements; others?
4. Do you approve of improving the availability and timeliness of campaign finance disclosure by candidates?

We urge everyone to join us on the 22nd! This is an extremely important topic for our communities, and we want your input!

Tom Carson

Please remember the League in your will.



Membership Application

It is easy to join the League of Women Voters of Glendale/Burbank. All Citizens of voting age are welcome. Associate Membership is open to all others.

YES! I want to add my voice to yours by joining the League of Women Voters as part of your voice for citizens and force for change. I enclose: (please check one or more of the following)

- \$60.00 for a one-year individual membership (includes a copy of our VOTER, nine times per year)
- \$100.00 for a one-year household membership for two members who share the same address (include a copy of our VOTER, nine times per year)
- \$30.00 for a one-year student membership

I am unable to join League at this time, but enclose a contribution of \$ _____

Name/Names _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

I would like to receive my VOTER by email.
My email address is _____

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