

**November
2006
Calendar**

Thursday
Nov. 16
7:00 pm

**Local Campaign
Finance Study**
See flyer

Thursday
Dec. 7

LWVGB Holiday Party
Look for your invitation in
the mail

Thursday
Jan. 19

**State Program Planning
Meeting**

Sunday
Jan. 27

**League Forum on
Judicial Independence**
at Loyola Law School
Look for information
coming soon about this
exciting event

President's Message

We had a particularly daunting task this election season—to explain all 13 ballot propositions to the interested voters of Glendale and Burbank. I was nervous about this prospect, but as usual, our members came through with aplomb.

Our first task was to distribute non-partisan voter guides. There are two. The first is the General Election Info publication, also known as the Pros and Cons. These are published by the State League. But, the Los Angeles County League adds a “wrap-around” with information about the Superior Court judges. We ordered 3000 of them.

The second publication is the Easy Voter Guide, which is geared toward first time voters and non-native English speakers. The Easy Voter Guide Project is a collaboration of the League of Women Voters Education Fund, the California State Library and the California Secretary of State’s office. Plus, it’s free. We ordered thousands of them in English, Spanish, and Korean.

I had them all delivered to my living room, and wondered as I stared at the boxes how on earth we were going to get them all distributed. I need not

have worried. Intrepid League members took them and fanned out across Burbank and Glendale, blanketing the libraries and Glendale Community College with voter materials.

Our second task required even more commitment from our League members. Many groups around the communities wanted live presentations on the ballot measures.

We gave live presentations to Glendale Community College, Delta Kappa Gamma, The Glendale Commission on the Status of Women (they had food), the Glendale Chapter of the California Foundation of the Blind, the Breakfast Club, and the Burbank JayCees.

And because this is show biz territory, we also did television.

We presented a live pro con presentation on Burbank’s City Channel, which has been repeating at various hours, often in the dead of night.

Special thanks goes to League members Tom Carson, Gwen Cochran, Mary Dickson, Joan Hardie, Dionisia Rodriguez, Anna Rundle and Georganne Thomsen, who made the live presentations.

Monica Marquez

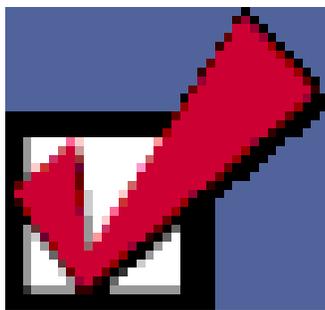
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LWVUS Immigration Study News

THE LWVUS IMMIGRATION Study Committee has posted *a resource list and brief bios of the Immigration Study Committee* on the LWVUS web site. The resource list, *Immigration 101: the Basics*, lists background information on immigration. Subsequent resource lists will include materials on specific immigration issues. Contact Immigration Study Committee Chair, **Carolie Mullan** with any questions.

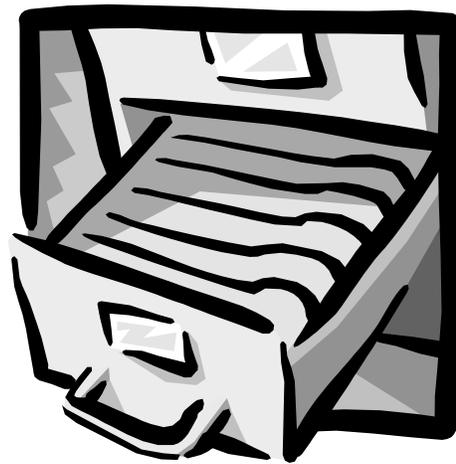
Who Doesn't Vote?

THE PUBLIC Policy Institute of California recently released a report, *Californians & the Future*, which should be required reading for all



League members. It analyzes the current California electorate and the characteristics of the adult population who are not voters. In reaching out to our communities, we must remember how many Californians are not helping make the decisions that affect their everyday lives. Simply talking to others like ourselves will not promote the mission of the League—to encourage active participation in government—or be effective in building our own membership.

The PPIC report is available on-line at www.ppic.org.



Local Study

OUR LOCAL STUDY OF CAMPAIGN finance at the municipal level continued with a meeting on October 9th. Our discussion focused on initial step in our study, to research the role of campaign finance in our two communities in order to determine if there are particular issues or areas which might be addressed by changes in local election laws. We discussed possible areas of concern such as the aggregate cost of municipal election campaigns, the source of campaign contributions, and whether women faced particular challenges in fund raising. The Committee members took on particular research assignments, including gathering information regarding campaign expenditures in recent elections in each city as well as interviewing current and past officeholders about the experiences and perceptions in this area.

The Committee is putting together plans for a meeting of our League members on Thursday, November 16th. See the enclosed flyer and mark your calendars to attend!

We would still like to have more of our members join us for this very interesting local study. If you would like to participate, please contact the committee chair, Tom Carson, at 818-840-0417 or tpcarson@earthlink.net.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF GLENDALE/BURBANK

Join us for a discussion of
**Local Campaign
Finance Issues**

November 16

7 to 8:30 pm

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

Among the speakers is Shirley Spencer of the Pasadena Area League who will talk about their exciting campaign finance ordinance which is on the November ballot.

Voter Service

New Technology for Voter Service Coming Soon!

THE LWVC IS CURRENTLY in the process of setting up a relationship with the Open Media Network (www.omn.org)—a nonprofit whose purpose is to make high quality audio and video material available to the public at no charge via the Internet. As part of our work with the Center For Governmental Studies and the California Channel, video interviews with all candidates for statewide office and 90-second video spots on each of the 13 state ballot measures have been produced and will be placed on the OMN within the next week. Interested viewers will be able to download the material to a computer or iPod using a free reader. The videos can be viewed immediately or copied to a DVD for use at another site. Links to the OMN site will be placed on the *Smart Voter* and *Easy Voter* Web sites.

The LWVC is very excited about this new technology, which will be useful even in non-election years. Suppose that your local League has held and videotaped a great public forum on some topic of current interest. That material can be converted to digital format and placed on the OMN for access by anyone anywhere in California—or even the country!

Details on exactly how to download the videos will be sent to local Leagues within the next couple of weeks. Keep an eye out for the next communication and start thinking of how your local League can take advantage of this great opportunity.

Sharon Wallace, *Voter Service Director*,
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Program Planning

Program Planning Process

EVERY TWO YEARS, local Leagues participate in the program planning process to give direction to the issues the League in California will emphasize through advocacy, community education, or study in the next biennium. Watch for the *Program Planning Kit 2007-2009* that you will receive soon. It will contain instructions, suggestions for

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your program planning meeting, background material about current LWVC positions, and a report form. In addition to the information about the concurrence procedure included in recent kits, this one will outline the newly-adopted policies concerning the study and consensus process. The kit will also be posted on the members-only LWVC Web site.

We will soon establish a program planning list-serve for interested members to discuss League issues and share their League's program ideas. The discussion will enrich our process by helping Leagues know what others are thinking and build networks that may lead to more productive consideration of program at Convention 2007.

Program planning reports will be due **February 15, 2007.**

Groups Call for Redistricting Reform

ON THE EVE OF CONGRESSIONAL elections likely to be skewed by gerrymandering, the Campaign Legal Center, the Center for Excellence in Government and the League of Women Voters today released a report that calls for a national redistricting reform movement and offers guidance for state-level redistricting reform efforts. *“Building A National Redistricting Reform Movement”* reports on the deliberations and conclusions of a diverse group of individuals from nonpartisan organizations at a conference held earlier this year in Salt Lake City .

The report builds on broad principles for reforming congressional and legislative redistricting set out in the 2005 report, *“The Shape of Representative Democracy.”* It also looks at lessons learned from unsuccessful redistricting reform attempts in 2005 and suggests strategies to pursue and pitfalls to avoid in future reform efforts.

The sponsors of the report timed its release just a week before the mid-term election to underscore the distorting effects of the gerrymandering of so many congressional districts after the 2000 census. It is a reminder of how drawing district lines to insure safe districts – often done on a bipartisan basis to serve incumbents in both parties – is likely to insulate the U. S. House of Representatives from fundamental democratic accountability.

The new report carefully examines the ballot initiatives defeated last year in California and Ohio. Both drew strong, well-funded opposition and suffered from being tied to other complex proposals and from being seen as partisan power-grabs.

The report recognizes that national redistricting reform will be a daunting task and urges careful attention to content, timing, resources, research and message development, and coalition building and public outreach. The next step in the groups’ efforts will be to bring together a broad coalition to build public support for redistricting reform efforts.

The report is available online at www.lwv.org

The redistricting reform conference was organized by the Campaign Legal Center, the Center for Democracy & Citizenship at the Council for Excellence in Government and the League of Women Voters with generous support from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Carnegie Corporation of New York, the JEHT Foundation, and the Joyce Foundation.

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 (includes a copy of our VOTER, nine times per year)
- \$30.00 for a one-year student membership

Name/Names _____

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City, State, Zip _____

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

Make check payable to League of Women Voters
Mail to Vera Naylor, 7714 Via Capri, Burbank CA 91504

I am unable to join League at this time, but enclose a contribution of \$ _____
Gifts made payable to “LWV Education Fund” are tax deductible.

The Voter

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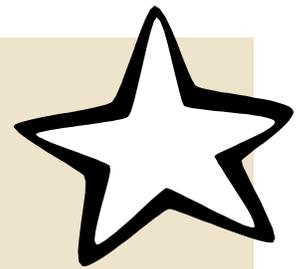
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The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. We advocate only on issues that members have studied and come to a consensus on. In an era of proliferating and powerful special interests, the League's advocacy in the public interest is increasingly recognized as an essential voice of democracy.



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