



League of Women Voters Of Alameda

2009 Annual Meeting Kit

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

All members of the League of Women Voters of Alameda are invited to the Annual Meeting to approve a budget, issues of emphasis for action, and to elect a new Board.

Saturday, June 27, 2009 – 11:30 a.m.

Otaez Restaurant 1619 Webster St., Alameda

*Lunch reservations are due by June 15th. See reservation form (back page).
You may attend the meeting beginning at 12:15 p.m without lunch.*

AGENDA

12:15 pm

Speaker – Kirsten Vital, Superintendent, Alameda Unified School District
Call to Order
Credentials Report
Introduction of Parliamentarian (Sally Faulhaber)
Adoption - Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting
Approval- Minutes of Annual Meeting of July 12, 2008
Appoint Committee to Review 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes
Introductions of Guests & Former LWVA Presidents
State of the League
Treasurer's Report (Earleen Hamlin)
Presentation of 2009/10 Budget (Li Volin)
Presentation, Debate and Adoption of Action Item Recommendation Regarding Alameda Point Development Ballot Measure (see page 7 of this kit.)
Presentation of Program for 2009/10
 Recommended Program (No new program recommended)
 Non-Recommended Program
Re-Adoption of Continuing Positions
Debate and Adoption of Program
Debate and Adoption of Budget
Nominating Committee Report Shubha Fanse, Chair
Election of 2009-2010 Board and Officers / Request for Committee Participants
Directions to the New Board and Committees
Announcements

3:30 pm

Adjourn

BRING THIS KIT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!

RULES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

1. QUORUM

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. In accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the By-Laws, fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

2. ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the By-Laws, the Board has set the record date for establishment of notice and voting rights to the 2009 Annual Meeting as MAY 15, 2009. Members who are current in payment of dues as of that date are eligible to receive notice and vote at the Annual Meeting. Article IX, Section 3 prohibits absentee and proxy voting.

3. WRITTEN MOTIONS

Main motions and substantive amendments shall be given to the secretary in writing, with the name of the maker of the motion included. Forms will be provided.

4. DEBATE TIME

There shall be two minutes per member for debate. Members and guests who are not eligible to vote on motions may not speak to them during debate. No one may speak for a second time on a given item until others wishing to speak have had their turns. Each speaker shall address all remarks to the Chair and shall limit such remarks to the item being considered. There shall be no interruption of the speaker while the presentation is being given. The moderator of the Meeting shall have the authority to announce the total time dedicated to debate on a given matter when there are many wishing to speak. Time will be allowed at the end of the meeting, as is our custom, for "Directions to the Board", following which guests may add brief comments.

5. PROGRAM ADOPTION (Referring to New and Ongoing Studies, Position Updates or Position Review for Adoption of Concurrence with another League's Position)

- a. Each recommended program item shall be moved and seconded, but there will be no vote on any item until all items (recommended and non-recommended) have been discussed. A majority vote is needed to adopt a recommended item.
- b. Any non-recommended program item may be moved for consideration by a majority vote of members present and voting. A two-thirds vote in favor is needed to adopt a non-recommended item.
- c. The vote will be taken on recommended items (with possible amendments) in the order moved, followed by the vote on non-recommended items. Amendments may be deletions from, but not additions to, program positions.

6. NOMINATIONS

Additional nominations for Officers, Directors, and the Nominating Committee may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured in advance.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Must be related to existing positions, either local, State or National, and are not considered to be the same as Program. An action item may be adopted by a simple majority of those voting. Debate of Board recommended action items is limited to ten minutes and will be moderated by the President.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING****July 12, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Kate Quick at Otaez Restaurant.

Karen Scanlon gave the credentials report: 32 members present.

Sally Faulhaber was introduced as parliamentarian.

The order of business was adopted, M/S (Li Volin, Miriam Schiffman); passed.

Minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting: Anne Spanier reported that the committee approved the minutes as printed in the kit.

Committee to Review Minutes of this Meeting: Li Volin, Golda Mason, and Bill Smith were appointed.

State of the League: Kate addressed the members, saying we have had a successful year, maintaining our membership, providing the community with voter service materials and forums., and supporting good legislation. A copy of her remarks is attached.

Treasurer's Report: Kate called attention to the report printed in the kit and asked for questions. None were asked.

Budget: Li Volin presented the budget. She noted that expenses have gone up. She reminded us that at the last annual meeting we voted to increase dues when PMPs are increased. The board recommends, and the budget includes, an increase of \$3.00 to cover the increase for the coming two years. She noted that the budget includes moving \$1000 to the Undesignated Reserve. In response to a question about income from projects Kate said most of the money comes from what the County pays us for maintaining voter registration boxes, very little from escript. She said we will put an article in the VOTER explaining escript. Another question dealt with expenses budgeted for more than was spent under the last budget.

Li moved adoption of the budget.

Liz Rogers called attention to the dues assistance program, and Karen Scanlon explained how it is administered. It is granted on request and is confidential.

Program: Kate said the Board recommends re-adoption of all continuing positions. She asked for new proposals. Anne Spanier noted that LWVUS has adopted a study on national elections. Bill Smith said there is a huge push by labor unions et al for health care reform. No local non-recommended items were proposed.

Lena Tam moved to readopt all continuing positions.

(She also announced that the City Council has placed two ballot propositions on the ballot: charter clean-up revisions and an increase in the property transfer tax. She said at its second meeting in August the Council will be considering a master plan for the Library. This plan, which includes branches as well as the main library, will be posted on the City website.)

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Budget debate and adoption: There was no debate. Motion passed on voice vote.

Report of Nominating Committee: Lena Tam reported the slate as printed in the kit: All positions filled except Administrative Vice-president. There were no nominations from the floor. Lena moved the slate. Passed on voice vote.

Directions to the Board/ Announcements: Lynn Groh urged members to leave aluminum cans on her front porch for sale and money donated to the League.

Herb Behrstock asked that our League undertake to develop a position about environment, suitable development, emissions, and water conservation; and that we become more engaged in relevant actions of policy, advocacy, and implementation of programs in Alameda. He also proposed that we cosponsor the program on September 21 on Climate Change and Peace, already sponsored by LWVs of BAE and Oakland and organized by the UN Association USA East Bay.



Kate put the question to the meeting, and we agreed to cosponsor. Kate also announced Women' Health Day.

Anne Spanier asked that we support diversity of opinion in the press to include more women's voices: We should write more op/ed pieces on policy/process issues.

Miriam Schiffman said the League was instrumental in the City's adoption of climate control measures, and with the next step being a citizen's committee to work for implementation of those goals, our League should have a representative on it.

Shubha Fpanse spoke about creating a committee to work on health care issues, and asked interested members to put their names on the circulating signup sheet.

Kate invited members to join other committees, and to leave their names with Karen Scanlon.

Chuck Scanlon announced a presentation honoring police and paramedics and showing a film on women in 9/11. It will be a fundraiser for a scholarship fund for public safety education.

Kate acknowledged with words and gifts the contributions of members of the previous board and others who had played important roles in the League's activities in the previous year,

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p. m.

Submitted by
Sally Faulhaber, Secretary

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
ALAMEDA
INTERIM ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
May 1, 2009**

**BANK OF ALAMEDA
Checking Account**

Balance 5/31/08	\$ 5,259.95
Total Income 2008-2009	\$10,039.43
Disbursements, 2008-April 2009	<u>\$ 9,455.66</u>
Balance 4/30/09	<u><u>\$ 5,843.72</u></u>

Note: Reserve for Contingencies and Emergencies held in Interest Bearing CD US Bank	<u><u>\$ 6,500.00</u></u>
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**EDUCATION FUND
LWVC Account**

Balance 4/9/2008	\$ 6,823.93
Income	\$ 1,660.00
Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,048.24</u>
Balance 3/31/2009	<u><u>\$ 7,435.69</u></u>

**Respectfully submitted:
Earleen Hamlin, Treasurer**



PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL 2009-2010				
	FY 08/09	FY 08-09 YTD	FY 09/10	<u>Comment</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	
1. Dues (project 99 members)	\$ 5,438	\$ 5,370	\$ 5,974	31 @ household
2. Contributions	1,000	800	800	No Ed. Fund
3. Projects escrip, aff, museum	750	281	550	
4. Fundraising	2,000	120	2,000	MYPO pending
5. Education Fund (state)			500	rec'd from State
Transfer forward from previous year	4,415	-	4,878	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,603	\$ 6,571	\$ 14,702	
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
A. OPERATING COSTS				
1. P.O. Box rental	\$ 200	\$ 72	\$ 100	
2. Government Fees	35	40	40	Raffle permit
3. Insurance	260	262	265	
4. Voice Mail	200	30	200	1/2 from AAUW
5. Easy Web Maintenance	160	160	160	
6. Dues Assistance	200	-	130	
TOTAL	\$ 1,055	\$ 564	\$ 895	
B. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION				
1. Officer Expenses	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 150	Pres/Sec/Treas
2. Board Tools	120	-	120	
3. Administration/Comm. /Membership	150	-	150	Print Roster
4. Retreat	250	50	100	
TOTAL	\$ 620	\$ 50	\$ 520	
C. CONVENTION/ANNUAL MEETING				
1. National/State/Conv./Council	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,432	\$ 2,500	
2. Annual Meeting	500	438	500	
TOTAL	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,870	\$ 3,000	
D. PER MEMBER PAYMENTS				
1. County Council	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	
2. LWV Bay Area @ \$1.00 per	96	85	99	
3. LWVC @ \$21.00 per	1,654	1,378	1,911	
4. LWVUS @ \$29.20 per	2,338	2,323	2,657	
TOTAL	\$ 4,108	\$ 3,805	\$ 4,687	
E. PRINTING & SUPPLIES				
1. Voter printing	\$ 1,500	\$ 652	\$ 1,500	10 issues
2. Voter Postage	300		550	
3. Other Printing	500	415	500	
4. Other Postage	-		200	
TOTAL	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,067	\$ 2,750	
F. EDUCATION				
1. Publications/Position Support	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 100	
2. Program Study	500	-	250	
3. Voter Service	500	209	500	Ed Fund Support
TOTAL	\$ 1,500	\$ 209	\$ 850	
G. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS				
1. Meet Your Public Officials	\$ 500	\$ (20)	\$ 500	
2. One Time Expense	500	200	500	Chamber Dues
TOTAL	\$ 1,000	\$ 180	\$ 1,000	
H. TRANSFER TO RESERVE				
			\$ 1,000	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 13,583	\$ 7,746	\$ 14,702	
Undesignated Reserve		\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500	CD Int Bearing

Budget Committee Report

Li Volin, Kate Quick, Earleen Hamlin, Dorothy Fullerton

- **Dues:** In accordance with the vote of the membership at the 2008 Annual Meeting, dues have been increased from \$65. individual and \$80 household to \$68 and \$85, respectively, to cover increases in Per Member Payment from the National level of League. Student dues will remain at the current \$25. Please note that in the budget, you cannot arrive at the actual figure by simply multiplying \$68 times our projected 99 members, as formulas were applied to account for household members, student members, etc.
- **Undesignated Reserve:** recommend adding another \$1,000 during this 2009/10 year to the interest bearing CD. The current balance is \$6,500 with another \$1,000 to be added at the close of our fiscal year. Our goal is to achieve \$10,000 in the next few years.
- **Education Fund:** the LWV Alameda has a balance of approximately \$7,436 which is held by the LWV Calif. This money is used to offset the costs for voter education projects and materials. Reimbursements for voter education costs are obtained on request to the LWV Calif.

Board Recommended Action Item: Following a presentation by representatives of both sides of the issue and questioning by the full Board at its April meeting, an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the LWVA Board reviewed the ballot initiative now in circulation regarding Alameda Point, and submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted by the Board as a recommended Action Item. This recommendation will be voted upon by the membership. If passed, the Subcommittee and the Board will implement the suggested education activities to prepare ourselves, and the electorate, for the upcoming election at which we will vote on the measure.

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Alameda Point Initiative
Recommendation for Action
Subcommittee Report to the LWVA Board, Adopted by the LWVA Board in
May 2009

A subcommittee appointed by the LWV Alameda board reviewed possible League actions for the petition circulating for the Alameda Point Initiative proposed for the November 2009 election. The Board reviewed their recommendation and adopted it as a recommended Action Item to present to the membership at the June, 2009 Annual Meeting.

Recommendation – Will be voted upon: The Alameda Point Initiative proposal consists of two parts. The first is an exemption of Measure A for Alameda Point. The second part of the Initiative is a detailed development plan for Alameda Point. In 2006 LWVA asked the City Council to place this issue on the ballot for a vote by Alamedans so we have publicly stated our support for its appearance on a ballot. With the development plan there are elements we may be able to support but League endorsement would require a detailed study to undertake this review and allow for discussion and a vote by the League members. Therefore, it is recommended that the LWVA take no position on the proposed ballot measure. Instead, we recommend that the League undertake a focused educational effort for the Alameda Point Initiative, should it be placed on the ballot. In this role we could provide a significant public service as a non partisan source of information.

Suggestions for the Educational Effort – For information and discussion only:

The proposed educational effort might consist of:

- 1) Discussion of this proposal at the LWVA Annual Meeting in June 2009 providing League members with relevant local, Bay Area and state positions to assist in individual review of the measure
- 2) Development of both In Depth and Easy Reader analysis of the measure for use in community and member meetings and wide distribution to the community through the LWVA website and newspapers.
 - a. The issues the committee may focus on in its In Depth include:
 - i. What is Measure A and how would it impact development
 - ii. The Development Plan in relation to transportation and transit-oriented development.
 - iii. The Development Plan in relation to environmental clean up
 - iv. The Development Plan in relation to housing
 - v. The Development Plan in relation to commercial development and job creation
 - vi. What are the options if there is a 'no' vote on the measure
 - b. Coordination with Voter Service to provide public meetings, debates, Op-Ed columns, and other voter service activities to educate the public on the issues covered by the initiative.
 - c. The following Individuals will work on developing the materials by late summer: Sally Faulhaber, Miriam Schiffman, Robby Kiley, Li Volin and Karen Butter

PROGRAM

A league position is the stand of the League on a public issue. It serves as the basis for advocacy/action. Action includes lobbying, legislative testimony, public statements, media campaigns and joining coalitions. A League position is established after members have studied an issue and achieved consensus on policies and practices that best serve the public interest. Local League positions are used in conjunction with positions adopted by the national and state levels of League and may not be in conflict with them, if they are on the same subject.

LOCAL POSITIONS

The Board Recommends re-adoption of the local positions as adopted at the last Annual Meeting.

CITY CHARTER (1978)

Support measures providing simplicity in the City Charter through clarification of meaning and elimination of obsolete or inapplicable provisions.

Objectives:

- I. Remove from the Charter provisions which inhibit flexibility of governmental action to meet changing conditions including:
 - A. Inflexible monetary limits.
 - B. Definition of the operating procedures of Boards with references in the Charter made only as to purpose, power, and limitations.
- II. Encourage and support a wide and balanced representation of all segments of the community on the City Council.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (1997)

The LWV Alameda supports measures that designate the City as the lead agency during an emergency or disaster. The City is charged with the responsibility to formulate a plan that addresses the four phases of disaster preparedness: mitigation, training, response, and recovery.

- I. Alameda's Emergency Management Operations Plan (MOP) should be current and comply with all Federal and state regulations. The plan should:
 - A. Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of public officials and employees
 - B. Integrate public and private agencies, organizations, utilities, and other entities related to public health and safety and social services into the overall plan
 - C. Establish Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with neighboring communities and agencies to coordinate and share services during emergencies and disasters
- II. The City should train its public officials and employees in disaster preparedness and develop a community-wide disaster training program. The City should:
 - A. Hold periodic emergency and disaster drills.
 - B. Encourage citizens to maintain and restock emergency supplies and know emergency procedure.
- III. The City should establish and maintain a command center equipped with reliable communication systems. The City should identify all available groups or individuals with the capability to assist in dissemination of information during an emergency or disaster.
- IV. There should be sufficient funding to support appropriate levels of response and recovery.
- V. Zoning laws and building codes should take into consideration the different underlying seismic and geologic soil conditions throughout Alameda. Buildings regularly open to the public should be retrofitted to meet or exceed current building codes.

ELECTIONS

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (1985)

Support the adoption of a Fair Campaign Practices Code/Agreement by the City Council for the local election of Public Officials.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (1992): Alameda elections should coincide with the date of the June primary or general elections as set by the State of California. (Note: has been instituted.)

The League will continue to monitor voting patterns in Alameda to determine whether ethnic populations are fairly represented.

(The Alameda League of Women Voters does not currently support district elections.)

VOTING BY MAIL (1998): Local special elections should be held by mail ballot with return postage provided. Adequate time should be allowed for voters to become informed about the election and to return the mail ballot. Procedures should be instituted to ensure widespread publicity and effective distribution of the ballots.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (1981)

Support measures that would establish by ordinance administrative duties and responsibilities for City Boards and Commissions, and would prohibit City Council members from serving as ex-officio members on City Boards and Commissions.

LAND USE (1974)

Support land use policies in Alameda which are designed to improve the quality of life. Support the revision of the Alameda General Plan with this purpose in mind. Support existing open space and conservation elements. Support public input in determining community and neighborhood qualities with the following objectives:

- I. General welfare of the citizens of Alameda in such areas as housing, public and social services, noise and odor control, beautification, and commercial and industrial development
- II. Immediate attention should be give to improving existing traffic patterns, including public transportation and access to BART. Alternatives to increased auto usage, such as bike paths and walkways, should be considered.
- III. Light industrial and commercial development should be actively pursued. Existing commercial areas should be upgraded and rehabilitated.
- IV. The existing conservation and open space elements should be supported and effectively implemented. The City has the responsibility to see that the existing shoreline is developed and maintained for public use.
- V. The concept of planned growth development should be supported.
- VI. The general plan and related elements should be subject to mandatory review, with revisions made at intervals of five years or less. Adequate public input should be an integral part of the process. There should be public hearings and input at the pre-draft, draft and adoption stages of all future plans and revisions.
- VII. Included in the General Plan should be a plan for acquisition and use of federal lands when they become available.
- VIII. Land use related policies and civic positions should satisfy the following criteria:
 - A. Are the elements clearly expressed?
 - B. Are there concrete objectives?
 - C. Are the objectives defined so as to meet the goals?
 - D, Has there been citizen input?
 - E. Does the policy fairly reflect this input?
 - F. Is the Plan too specific?
 - G. Does the policy fit in with existing policies?
 - H. Have cost factors been fairly considered?
 - I. Does it protect environmental goals?

TRANSPORTATION (Updated 1989)

Support revision and regular review of the General Plan that would include policy which would:

- A. Maintain livability of residential streets.
- B. Decrease increasing volumes of traffic on residential streets.
- C. Encourage the consideration of alternate forms of public transportation.
- D. Encourage measures to safely control entrances/exits to business and shopping areas.

Parties responsible for the increased traffic density should assume financial responsibility to ameliorate impacted intersections.

The City should establish a policy requiring traffic impact studies. This policy should be subject to periodic review.

REDEVELOPMENT (1993)

Support citizen participation in the ongoing process of Redevelopment under the California Community Redevelopment Law of 1951 in the City of Alameda.

To achieve this goal:

- I. There should be an Environmental Impact Report for each individual project within the Project Area and the overall plan.
- II. The Community Improvement Commission (Redevelopment Agency) should form a citizen group representative of the diversity of the community to develop civic priorities to be addressed in all Disposition and Development Agreements (DDAs) and Owner Participation Agreements.
- III. Citizen participation should be encouraged at all phases of the planning and implementation of redevelopment in Alameda.
- IV. The Community Improvement Commission (Redevelopment Agency) should provide information about the Project Area in a timely manner, in a form easily understood and readily available to its citizens.
- V. Quarterly financial statements of the Community Improvement Commission (Redevelopment Agency) should be made public.
- VI. Disposition and Development Agreements and Owner Participation Agreements should specify the benefits to the City and these should be made public by the Community Improvement Commission.

***LIBRARY (1991) ***

The library should continue working toward meeting the diverse needs of all Alamedans (all cultural groups, age groups, students, handicapped and military). Open hours, evening and days, should be increased. Space of primary functions of the Library should be increased. The current emphasis on popular materials, reference and children's sections should be continued. Funding should be increased in order that the Alameda Free Library meet and surpass the minimum standards for library funding set by the state. Funding from the general funds should be raised, and if the library tax is raised the general fund should not be reduced. Written rules of procedure for communication and library mission and goal statements should be adopted by both the City Council and the Library Board to ensure Council commitment to a viable library for Alameda.

THE PORT OF OAKLAND (1992)

The Alameda League of Women Voters recommends and supports the revision of the Oakland City Charter to include representatives from cities affected by Port activities on the Port of Oakland commission.

The League supports the establishment of policies at local and state levels to implement the following measures that would protect the quality of life of the community.

- I. The City of Alameda staff should attend all Port of Oakland meetings and report on actions and proposed plans to be undertaken by the Port which would affect Alameda.

II. There should be ecologically and environmentally sound disposal of dredge spoils from the Port of Oakland's dredging of the Inner and Outer Harbor Channels.

III The League supports regionalization of California ports and airports.

IV. When adverse effects generated by the Port of Oakland impact on the health and welfare of Alameda residents, the City of Alameda should take appropriate action.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION (2005)

The League of Women Voters of Alameda supports new housing developments that fulfill Alameda's needs for housing at all economic levels. New developments should have a variety of densities and amenities that will support continuation of the quality of life now enjoyed in Alameda.

We support housing development design that provides maximum feasible open space, defined as sufficient communal green space, walking paths, play grounds, tot-lots and other naturally landscaped areas to encourage and enhance livability and strong community identity.

We support housing development designs that maximize the use of public and alternative modes of transportation. An appropriate number of off-street parking spaces should be provided for, for each type of housing in the mix.

We support designs that meet or exceed current standards for energy efficiency. All designs should show consideration for minimum negative impact on air, water and surrounding natural environment.

POSITIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAGUES

These positions were adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Leagues of Alameda County. Changing or dropping one of these positions must be approved by a majority (5) of the seven Leagues of Alameda County. Action on any of these positions must be approved by a majority of the Leagues.

The Board recommends re-adoption of support for the following positions

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (Adopted 2007)

- I. Position in Brief: Support an efficient, effective and equitable balance of responsibility and authority among the levels of governance with accountability to the public and that results in providing services that best meet needs of students and the local school districts.
 - A. Efficiency: Provide those services (education, training, fiscal, oversight) to county school programs and district school programs that do not duplicate those provided by districts or other agencies
 - B. Effectiveness: Provide those services that best meet the needs and interests of local districts. Constantly monitor services to determine their effectiveness and remove or improve those that are not meeting district goals.
 - C. Equitable Balance of Responsibility and Authority for Governance
 1. Establish policies that delineate the powers and functions of each entity where not covered explicitly in the Education Code to ensure an equitable balance of responsibility and authority for governance and to enhance accountability.
 2. Provide for consolidation of functions between and among county offices of education to deal with area-wide problems. Consider consolidation of functions to achieve cost savings and improve the quality of service and equity.
 - D. Accountability to the Public
 1. Ensure that both the Board and the Superintendent abide by the tenets of the Brown Act, and the Freedom of Information Act and the California Public Records Act.
 2. Maintain public visibility by utilizing technology to keep constituents informed about actions taken by the Board and the County Superintendent.
 3. Advertise upcoming elections for Board members' and the County Superintendent's seat to encourage contested elections. This will allow the public to learn about the candidates' credentials and the issues so they can make informed choices.

4. Develop a collaborative Annual Work Plan to set up measurable goals to be used in the annual evaluation of both Board Members' and Superintendent's performance. These evaluations will then be helpful in the Superintendent salary-setting process and for measuring progress toward established goals.

II. Monitoring

The League's role should be to:

- Continue observing County Board of Education meetings to ensure compliance with the Brown Act and Education Code.
- Monitor the County Office website to ensure that constituents have access to current and complete information concerning actions taken by the County Office/Superintendent and the Board.
- Review Grand Jury comments and recommendations pertaining to the County Board and County Superintendent and support those that support the improvement of efficient, effective, and appropriate governance and fiscal management of those entities.
- Monitor the governance model to determine if there is any interest by the public in changing the method of selecting a County Superintendent.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Support policies which promote services to meet the needs of Alameda County youth and minimize delinquency.

A. The County Council supports effective and responsible decision-making for youth at the county level. Specifically, the Council supports:

1. Continuing evaluation of the Alameda County Probation Department Juvenile Division to ensure that its goals and functions are clear and effective.
2. Continued citizen input into all Countywide juvenile justice programs.
3. Coordination of all community programs for Alameda County youth to ensure that the needs of the communities are met and that duplication of services is avoided.
4. Citizen involvement in setting priorities for diversion and prevention services.
5. Continued evaluation and accountability to the public of programs funded by public moneys.
6. County decision-making bodies:
 - a. Appointment to commissions that reflect the diversified population of the County
 - b. Guidelines for commission members which are clear statements of their responsibilities and authority
 - c. Assessment of limited number of terms
 - d. Reimbursement to commissioners for personal expenses, i.e., transportation and babysitting.

B. The County Council supports a coordinated multidimensional concept of service which could include:

1. Vocational training
2. Programs that provide jobs and job training for youth
3. Recreational opportunities
4. Counseling for youth and their families, both long-term and for crises
5. Mental health services which meet the needs of youth, supported by adequate funding, i.e., residential treatment centers for juveniles
6. Youth diversion programs
 - a. Staff volunteers having close ties to the community of the juveniles being served
 - b. Involvement of youth in program planning, implementation and evaluation
 - c. Integration into projects available with other than just delinquent youth
 - d. Adequate program facilities

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE POSITION

C. The County Council encourages school districts to deal effectively with pupil welfare and pupil attendance, i.e., truancy, child neglect, child abuse and severe behavior problems.

D. The County Council supports greater community awareness of the problems and needs of youth and programs that are currently available.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- A. Increase the priority given Children's Mental Health Services in the County Mental Health program and budget
- B. Retain present services and ensure equal access to Day Treatment Service throughout the County.
- C. Focus on prevention and early intervention by:
 - 1. Increased education of parents and public
 - 2. Utilization of school resources where feasible.
- D. Finance these services by:
 - 1. Active pursuit of all available sources of funds.
 - 2. Coordination of County, State and Federal budget deadlines
 - 3. Sufficient funds for a service from the level of government that mandates that service
- E. Make most efficient use of funds by:
 - 1. Retention and expansion of contracts with private providers
 - 2. Support for Case Management system of services
 - 3. Increased coordination and communication among all public and private service providers and continuation of the Interagency Council.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by 2008-2009 Nominating Committee

Shubha Fanse, Chair

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents	Kate Quick and Anne Spanier
Vice President/Admin.	(not required)
Vice President/Program	Marilyn Ng
Secretary	Earleen Hamlin
Treasurer	Robby Kiley

Elected Directors (6) – Six Agreeing to Serve

- Action - Karen Butter
- Voter Service – Joanne McKray
- At-Large – Dorothy Fullerton, Li Volin, Elizabeth Rogers, Sally Faulhaber

An additional 5 directors will be appointed by the Board in Accordance with the LWVA By-laws

2008-09 Nominating Committee

Betty Hatch, Cindy Silva, Shubha Fanse, Marian Kapellas, and Doris Gee

2009-10 Nominating Committee

Audrey Lord Hausman, Cindy Silva, Lena Tam

An additional two members will be appointed from the Board in accordance with the LWVA By-Laws

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA

MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy, through education and advocacy.

LWV does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. It does, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.

DIVERSITY POLICY

The League of Women Voters of Alameda, in both its values and practices, affirms its commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWV on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.



League of Women Voters Of Alameda

2009 Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Saturday, **JUNE 27, 2009** – 11:30 a.m.

Otaez Restaurant 1619 Webster St., Alameda

(Parking behind restaurant off Pacific Avenue)

\$28.00 for a complete Mexican Buffet Lunch, including salad, coffee or soda. The dishes are a variety of meat and vegetarian choices. Includes tax and tip. No host bar.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 15TH. Send this reservation with check for \$28.00 ea., payable to LWV Alameda to: Earleen Hamlin, Treasurer, LWVA, P.O. Box 1645, Alameda, CA 94501

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