



League of Women Voters Of Alameda

2011 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 18, 2011 – 11:30 a.m.

PASTA PELICAN 2455 Mariner Square, Alameda

*Lunch reservations are due by June 13. See reservation form (back page).
You may attend the meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m without lunch.*

AGENDA

12:00pm

Speaker –John Diaz Editor-San Francisco Chronicle

Call to Order

Credentials Report

Introduction of Parliamentarian (Donna Vaughn)

Adoption - Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting

Approval- Minutes of Annual Meeting of June 5, 2010 (Sally Faulhaber, Bill Martin & Ted Frey)

Appoint Committee to Review 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

Introductions of Guests & Former LWVA Presidents

State of the League (Anne Spanier)

Treasurer's Report (Robertamarie Kiley)

Motion to Change Tax Exempt Status from Section 501 (c) (4) to Section 501 (c) (3)

Presentation of 2010 2011 Budget (Juelle Ann Boyer)

Recommended Program (no new local programs recommended)

Re-Adoption of Continuing Positions

Debate and Adoption of Program

Debate and Adoption of Budget

Motion to increase the number of Board Members

Nominating Committee Report (Tracy Jensen)

Election of 2011-2012 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 2010 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 2011 Annual Meeting as MAY 15, 2011. 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

JUNE 5, 2010

The meeting was preceded by a presentation of the downtown revitalization plan presented by Jennifer Ott, Deputy City Manager..

The meeting was called to order by out-going co-president, Kate Quick.

Credentials report, 30 members present, given to Kate and Anne.

Juelle Ann Boyer introduced as the Parliamentarian for this meeting.

M-Li Volin, S-Charles Scanlon, Carried to adopt the Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting.

6/27/09 minutes amended to add Joan Narahara and Alice Huie to the list of former Presidents present at that meeting.

M-Marion Kapellas, S-Juelle Ann Boyer, Carried to approve 6/09 minutes as amended.

Ted Frey, Bill Smith, Sally Faulhaber appointed to review 6/5/10 minutes.

Former LWVA Presidents were introduced including Alice Huie, Joan Narahara, Lynn Groh, Donna Vaughn, and Lena Tam.

State of the League: Anne Spanier

Activities this year included programs on City Finances with Keven Kennedy, The United Nations Today with Professor Bowen, two Health Care Forums, two Open Forums on Measures B and E, Candidate Night and a Pros and Cons Forum. We celebrated the 90th birthday of the LWV with the movie "Iron Jawed Angels" at AHS. MYPO was successful as our annual fundraiser. We took advantage of the expertise of one of our members, Jon Spangler, in creating a professional approach to Public Relations. Membership has remained fairly steady at around 110 members. The fiscal health of the League is good.

Treasurer's Report: Robby Kiley

Amended to note that the CD is in U.S. Bank, not Union Bank. Approved as amended.

2010-2011 Program:

No new program recommended. The program proposed, debated and M-Joan Narahara, S-Robby Kiley, Carried to accept program as printed in the kit.

2010-2011 Budget: Li Volin

The budget is, and was, proposed and its adoption moved by Li Volin. The budget adopted.

Nominating Committee:

Jon Spangler withdrew his name as co-Vice President of Program. The six Elected Directors (Karen Butter, Joanne McKray, Dorothy Fullerton, Laurel Pantel, Mike Robles-Wong and Sally Faulhaber) were introduced. Jeff Cambra was nominated from the floor for co-president. Moved: Lena Tam, Seconded Li Volin to adopt the slate.

2010-2011: Nominating Committee. LuAnn DeWitt, Donna Vaughn and Karen Scanlon. M-Jon Spangler, S-Liz Rogers Carried to adopt the Nominating Committee as a slate.

Directions to the New Board and Committees: none submitted

Ted Frey and Liz Rogers were appointed to investigate the tax situation vis a vis LWVCA and the Education Fund.

Lynn Groh asked for a review of the current position re. the Alameda Free Library.

Jon Spangler will continue LWVA specific sessions re. social media.

Anne asked for guests to complete the interest survey, including interest in the social media sessions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectively submitted;
Earleen Hamlin, Secretary.

**League of Women Voters of Alameda
Interim Financial Report
April 15, 2011**

**BANK OF ALAMEDA
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

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| Balance 7/01/10 | \$4,906.41 |
| Total Income until 4/15/11 | 12,648.68 |
| Total Expenses same period | 8,435.58 |
| Balance, after Expenses and Income | \$9,119.51 |

EDUCATION FUND

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|-----------------|------------|
| Balance 4/16/10 | \$5,692.36 |
| Income | 1,294.00 |
| Disbursements | 2,762.07 |
| Balance 3/31/11 | 4,224.29 |

Current Reserve for Contingencies and Emergencies \$6,995.38 held in an Interest bearing CD at Union Bank.

Respectively submitted;
Robby Kiley, Treasurer

APPLICATION TO BECOME A SECTION 501 (C) (3) ORGANIZATION

The League of Women Voters of Alameda has applied to the Internal Revenue Service to change the League's tax exempt status from Section 510 (c) (4) to Section 501 (c) (3). The primary driver behind this application is to ensure that all contributions by individuals to LWVA, including dues, are deductible when itemized for federal income tax purposes.

Currently, LWVA has received a positive response from the IRS to our application. The IRS does, however, require certain changes in our Articles of Incorporation and bylaws to reflect this revised status. Our application to change the Articles of Incorporation has been submitted to the Secretary of State. The Board of Directors approved these changes on April 21, 2011. Since members need to approve any amendments to the bylaws, this item is on the agenda to secure their agreement.

Our agent has provided specific instructions that will be required to effect these changes. Specifically, these amendments relate to our purpose clause, paragraph (A), and our dissolution clause, paragraph (B).

Here are the word changes that have been placed in the Articles of Incorporation and need to be reflected in our bylaws.

- (A) "Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

(B) "In the event of the dissolution of the League for any reason, any assets of the League remaining after compliance with the provisions of the California Nonprofit Benefit Corporation Law shall be distributed to the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund, Sacramento, CA; or if that organization is not then in existence or exempt under Section 510 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, then, at the discretion of the Board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under the said Section 501 (c)(3)."

I recommend that LWVA adopt the following motion in the Annual Meeting of June 18, 2011: "The League of Women Voters approves changing its bylaws to reflect the amendments (A) and (B) above."

Theodore D. Frey
Chair, Budget Committee

PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

| _INCOME | FY 10/11 BUDGET | FY 10/11 ESTIMATED | FY 11/12 PROPOSE D |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Dues (project 74 Members, 26 Family Members) | \$5,780 | \$6,030 | \$5,700 |
| 2. Contributions | \$800 | \$532 | \$800 |
| 3. EdFund Donations | \$670 | \$1,294 | \$500 |
| 4. InKin Donations | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 5. Total Contributions/Donations | \$1,470 | \$1,826 | \$1,300 |
| 6. MYPO | \$2,100 | \$3,467 | \$2,200 |
| 7. Other Fundraising | \$0 | \$120 | \$0 |
| 8. Subtotal Development | \$2,100 | \$3,587 | \$2,200 |
| 9. Projects (Affadavit, Recycling, Monitoring, Other) | \$400 | \$1,107 | \$300 |
| 10. Other Operating Income | \$0 | \$431 | \$0 |
| 11. SUBTOTAL OPERATING INCOME | \$9,750 | \$12,981 | \$9,500 |
| 12. Interest Income | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 13. TOTAL INCOME | \$9,750 | \$12,981 | \$9,500 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| A. OPERATING COSTS | | | |
| 1. P.O. Box Rental | \$100 | \$72 | \$72 |
| 2. Government Fees | \$200 | \$185 | \$200 |
| 3. Insurance | \$320 | \$0 | \$320 |
| 4. Voice Mail | \$395 | \$396 | \$395 |
| 5. Easy Web Maintenance | \$160 | \$0 | \$160 |
| 6. Dues Assistance | \$130 | \$136 | \$175 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$1,305 | \$789 | \$1,322 |
| B. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| 1. Officer Expenses | \$150 | \$230 | \$150 |
| 2. Board Tools | \$120 | \$0 | \$100 |
| 3. Administration/Comm./Membership | \$150 | \$453 | \$150 |
| 4. Retreat | \$100 | \$206 | \$100 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$520 | \$889 | \$500 |
| C. CONVENTION/ANNUAL MEETING | | | |
| 1. National/state/Conv/Council | \$1,000 | \$1,132 | \$2,000 |



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| 2. Annual Meeting | \$250 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$1,250 | \$1,132 | \$2,000 |
| D. PER MEMBER PAYMENTS | | | |
| 1. County Council | \$20 | \$20 | \$20 |
| 2. LWV Bay Area @ \$1/.50 per member/family member | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |
| 3. LWVC @ \$23/\$11.50 per member/family member | \$2,100 | \$1,736 | \$2,001 |
| 4. LWVUS @ \$30/\$15 per member/family member | \$2,960 | \$2,243 | \$2,610 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$5,180 | \$4,099 | \$4,731 |
| E. PRINTING & SUPPLIES | | | |
| 1. Voter Printing | \$1,500 | \$1,192 | \$1,000 |
| 2. VOTER Postage | \$550 | \$270 | \$300 |
| 3. Other Printing | | \$97 | \$100 |
| 4. Other Postage | | \$287 | \$300 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$2,050 | \$1,846 | \$1,700 |
| F. EDUCATION | | | |
| 1. Publications/Position Support | \$100 | \$232 | \$100 |
| 2. Program Study | \$250 | \$0 | \$100 |
| 3. Voter Services/SV | \$670 | \$1,064 | \$1,100 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$1,020 | \$1,296 | \$1,300 |
| G. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS | | | |
| 1. Meet Your Public Officials | \$500 | \$345 | \$200 |
| 2. One Time Expense Items | \$250 | \$1,550 | \$500 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$750 | \$1,895 | \$700 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | \$12,075 | \$10,090 | \$10,132 |
| OPERATING "CONTRIBUTION" | -\$2,325 | \$2,891 | -\$632 |
| 1. INTEREST INCOME | \$0 | \$29 | \$25 |
| NET INCOME | -\$2,325 | \$2920 | -\$627 |

Budget Committee Report

Juelle-Ann Boyer, Ted Frey, Robby Kiley, Li Volin

April 29, 2011

Dues: Based on a review of options and the fiscal health of the League, the Committee recommends a dues increase to \$70 for individual members and \$20 for additional Family members. PMP dues for 2011-2012 are slated to be \$54 per individual member and \$27 per family member. With a budgeted 48 individual memberships and 26 family memberships, total dues collected will be \$5,700 vs. PMP payments of \$4,731. This means that the net contribution of our dues to operating expenses will be less than \$1,000. Thus there will be a strong need for additional donations and a very successful MYPO in order to offset the projected \$10,132 in operating expenses. Moreover, the League may need a further increase in the dues should donations and MYPO fail to deliver a balanced budget.

The timing of this increase is expected to coincide with the change to our current IRS designation from a Section 510-(c)-(4) to a 501-(c)-(3) organization. Assuming that this change does occur, all dues become deductible for state and federal income tax purposes for those \$1,000 into the US Bank to add to the CD

which has a current value of roughly \$7,000. This transfer is consistent with the League's stated goal of adding annually to the reserve until it reaches an amount equal to one year's operating income (\$10,000).

Cash Generation: Expenses for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 are projected to exceed budgeted revenues. Unless donations or receipts from MYPO markedly exceed the budgeted amounts, there will be a net reduction in our capital assets.

Education Fund: The League currently has \$4,224 in its Education Fund which is managed by LWV of California. LWVCA charges about \$200 per year to manage that fund for LWVA. Upon our redesignation as a Section 501-(c)-(3) organization, LWVA will recover the remaining balance of that fund and merge it into its account at Bank of Alameda. Donations to support LWVA's operations and educational programs, whether cash or in-kind, will continue to be tax deductible.

Board Recommendation to Change the by-laws to Increase the Number of Board Members

Article 1V, Section I. "The authorized number of directors shall be sixteen until changed by amendment of the Articles or by a Bylaw. This number of directors includes the officers designated in Article V. Section I who shall also serve as directors." The change to the bylaws shall read...."the authorized number of directors shall be twenty...."

Board Recommendation to change the by-laws to Reflect Changes Required by IRS Regarding our Tax Exempt Status Change

Article I, Section 2. Form, which now reads "The League shall be a non-profit public benefit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California." **be changed to read** "The League shall be exclusively organized for charitable and educational purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

And,

Article VIII Section 6. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution, which now reads "In the event of dissolution for any cause of the League, all money and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the League shall be paid to the State League. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the League shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the organization having possession of same to such person, organization, or corporation, for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the Board."

Be changed to read "In the event of the dissolution of the League for any reason, the assets of the League remaining after compliance with the California Nonprofit Benefit Corporation Law shall be distributed to the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund, Sacramento, CA; or if that organization is not then in existence or exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, then, at the discretion of the Board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under the said Section 501 (c) (3)."

Membership Report

Membership 2011 Report to the Board

The League of Women Voters of Alameda began the 2011 year with 100 paid members. The Membership consisted of 48 individual members and 26 family memberships. New memberships and late renewals as of May 1, 2011 are now 106 paid members, who are eligible to vote at the Annual meeting. The Alameda League lost seven members and gained ten new members this last year. Our net increase in new members is 7%. Members and recruiting materials have been available to encourage membership at all League events and particularly the programs including the MYPO in April and the Next 10 program in May. Our renewals were strong due to a strategy of **Reminders to Join** beginning in October with individual letters sent to those not yet renewing by the first week in January. Those letters were followed up by Board member calls to specific people urging renewal by January 25th. All 100 members were paid by the National data base cutoff of January 31.

Program Report

The Program Committee produced a number of interesting programs for the membership. In September we co-sponsored a workshop with the Sunshine Task Force and in November we presented MAPLIGHT an organization that tracks money in politics in California. In January we assembled a group to recommend League priorities for the year and in March we listened to a board member of the Alameda Transit Authority talk about transportation in the county. In April we threw our annual fundraiser, MYPO which was a great success. In May we co-sponsored a mixer with the Chamber of Commerce and had an evening of interactive budget negotiations which allowed the participants to 'fix' the California budget..

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.

Action Items for 2011-2012

The Board recommends that the membership participate in the following Action items;

- 1) The Sunshine Ordinance/campaign finance
- 2) Fiscal Sustainability

The recommendations for the Sunshine Ordinance are that volunteers are to be recruited to assist in the implementation at the direction of the city council when that body approves the Ordinance. In addition, volunteers will be needed to participate in oversight of the Redistricting Commission and its effect on the City of Alameda.

The recommendations for the Fiscal Sustainability Action plan consist of producing a community workshop to elaborate on the four recommendations in the report.

National Studies

The Board recommends that the membership participate in the LWVUS study on "Privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services and assets to the private sector". The study will focus on the impact of privatizing government services on local communities. This study will commence in late fall or 2011.

The Board also recommends that the membership consider participation in the LWVUS on The Role of education and the federal Government: an historical perspective. This study will commence in summer 2011.

These studies are for consideration only. The LWVA board will determine resource allocation and interest before undertaking any of these two studies.

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 given 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 2010- 2011 Nominating Committee

Karen Scanlon, Chair

Elected Officers

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| President | Jeff Cambra |
| Vice President/Admin. | Kate Quick |
| Vice President/Program | |
| Secretary | Earleen Hamlin |
| Treasurer | Robertamarie Kiley |

Elected Directors (6) – Six Agreeing to Serve

- Action - Karen Butter
- Voter Service – Dorothy Fullerton
 - Budget –Ted Frey
- Smart Voter – Juelle Ann Boyer
- E- Comm - Donna Vaughn
- At Large - Mike Robles-Wong

An additional 5 directors will be appointed by the Board in Accordance with the LWVA By-laws. Those agreeing to be appointed later are:

Web Voter- Karen Scanlon, Health Care- Shubha Fanse,
At Large - Sally Faulhaber, Tracy Jensen

2011-2012 Nominating Committee

Cindy Silva, Joanne McKray

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

2010-2011 Nominating Committee

Karen Scanlon, LuAnn DeWitt, Donna Vaughn, Tracy Jensen, Shubha Fanse

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA

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League of Women Voters Of Alameda

2011 Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Saturday, JUNE-18-2011- 11:30 a.m.

Pasta Pelican 2455 Mariner Square, Alameda

(parking available on the street)

\$30.00 for either a vegetarian or meat/chicken pasta, barbecued spareribs, or one of a variety of luncheon salads, dessert and coffee. Includes tax and tip. No host bar.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

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