

Addendum I: pages 5 and 7 of the 2019 Annual Meeting Kit

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

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	FY2018-19	FY2018-19	FY2019-20
Income	Adopted	Estimated	Proposed
1. Dues	7,971	8,813	8,052
2 Contributions	1,000	1,177	1,000
3. MYPO In Kind Donations	0	0	0
4. MYPO	5,500	6,620	5,500
5. Other Fundraising	0	0	0
6. Projects (Affadavits, recycling, Escript)	350	1,659	350
7. Annual Meeting	0	0	0
Subtotal Operating Income	14,821	17,669	14,902
8. Refunds	0	0	0
9. Youth Outreach/Debate Scholarship	1,500	2,501	1,500 1,800
TOTAL INCOME	16,321	20,100	16,702 17,802

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G. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS			
1. MYPO expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500
2. Chamber Dues	125	125	125
3. One Time Expenses	80	900	500 1,400
4. Youth Outreach/Debate Scholarship	1,500	1,567	1,800
SUBTOTAL	3,205	4,092	3,925 4,825
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	21,479	25,339	28,253 29,153
OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS)	-5,158	-5,239	-11,551 -12,151
1. Interest Income	0	0	0
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	-5,158	-5,239	-11,551 -12,151

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The LWVA Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates for elected positions on the Board of Directors for the 2019-20 fiscal year. In accordance with LWVA Bylaws, we submit the names of six officers and eight additional members who have agreed to become or continue as directors. We note that our Bylaws allow for up to 20 directors. A number of additional committee positions do not require Board membership.

Proposed Slate for LWVA 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Officers nominated to be elected at the Annual Meeting (6)

President	Susan Hauser
VP Administration	Anne McKereghan
VP Programs	William (Bill) Smith
VP Membership	Doris Gee
Secretary	Ruth Dixon-Mueller
Treasurer	Adina Singer

Additional directors nominated to be elected at the Annual Meeting (8)

Action chair	Karen Butter
Bay Area League liaison	Sally Faulhaber
Bay Area League liaison	Kate Quick
Communication chair	Keasha Martindill
Fundraising chair	Paul Lindstrom
Voter service co-chair	Laura Kinley
Voter service co-chair	Ken Werner
Youth Outreach chair	Laura Kinley
Member at Large	OPEN Anna Crane

Nominating Committee (5)

Non-Board members (three to be elected at the Annual Meeting)

Dorie Guess Behrstock
Cynthia Silva
OPEN

Board members of the committee (two) will be selected by the incoming Board of Directors

Respectfully submitted by the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee,
Anne McKereghan, Chair
Marilyn Ng
Kate Quick
Adina Singer



2019 Annual Meeting Kit

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

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

Saturday, June 22, 2019 – 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Pasta Pelican Restaurant, 2455 Mariner Square Drive

LUNCH RESERVATIONS ARE DUE TO LWVA BY WED. JUNE 19

(See reservation instructions on back page)

You may attend the meeting, which begins at 12:45 pm, without attending the lunch.

AGENDA

11:30 a.m. Sign in, socialize, cash bar (second floor)

12:00 noon Speaker: **Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor, City of Alameda**

12:45 p.m. Call to Order

Credentials Report – Doris Gee	Page
Introduction of Parliamentarian – Sally Faulhaber	
Adoption - Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting	2
Approval - Minutes of Annual Meeting of June 23, 2018	3-4
Appoint Committee to Review 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes	
Introductions of Guests & Former LWVA Presidents	
President’s Message	
Treasurer’s Report – Adina Singer	5
Presentation of 2019-2020 Budget – Adina Singer	5-8
Recommended Program	14
Re-adoption of LWVA Local Positions	14-15
Re-adoption of Alameda County Council Positions	16-17
Debate and Adoption of Program	
Debate and Adoption of Budget	
Nominating Committee Report – Anne McKereghan	18
Election of 2019-2020 Board and Officers	
Directions from Members to the New Board and Committees	
Announcements	

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Please bring this Kit with you to the Annual Meeting!



RULES OF THE 2019 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, twenty 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 2019 Annual Meeting as May 22, 2019. 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. Non-recommended studies require a prepared scope, budget, and name of proposed chair.
- 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 writing in advance of the meeting.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Must be related to existing positions, whether 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 23, 2018**

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Williams, AUSD Board Member – Reviewed the current status of the school district.

Call to Order: 12:55pm LWVA president Georgia Gates Derr

Credentials Report: Doris Gee reported there were 34 eligible voting members present meeting the quorum requirement of 21 voting members.

Parliamentarian: - Donna Vaughn was introduced as the Parliamentarian.

Adoption – Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adopt the Order of Business and Rules of the meeting, with minor corrections to the agenda

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for the June 24, 2017 Annual Meeting. Bill Smith, Mari Clark and Ruth Dixon–Mueller volunteered to review the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes.

Introduction of LWVA Presidents and Guests: Past Presidents introduced themselves and guests were introduced.

Treasurer’s Report: Marian Breitbart presented the report as contained in the Annual Meeting Kit, followed by brief discussion. Breitbart noted that the final balance of operations should show a gain of \$1901.86, not a loss. The report was placed on file for audit.

Presentation of 2018-2019 Budget Report: Adina Singer presented the 2018-2019 Budget, with no objections. **Approval of Budget:** Following the presentation and discussion of the recommended program for 2018-2019, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the 2018-2019 Budget as presented. It will be filed for audit.

President’s Message: Georgia Gates Derr gave kudos to all for a fantastic and productive year by the various committees and listed the many events and activities sponsored by LWVA over the past year. The Communications Committee was highlighted for increasing exposure for the organization. Marian Breitbart was praised for her work on the BART Measure RR Bond Oversight Committee.

Local Positions: Karen Butter and Felice Zensius directed members to review the Action Committee report in the meeting kit and the recommended program for 2018-2019. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the recommended program as follows:

Local:

- Retain all existing Local positions;
- Revise Housing and Transportation position by inserting the phrase “including universal design standards” in the second sentence of section I;
- No new study or update study for 2018-2019;
- Adopt as Issues for Emphasis for 2018-2019:
 - Campaign Finance
 - Local government: transparency and good governance
 - High school voter registration/education
 - Schools & Communities First Campaign (Reform Prop 13)



State: Making Democracy Work in California, Environment/Natural Resources, Health Care, and Tax Reform
National: Campaign for Making Democracy Work with four priority areas: Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, and Redistricting

Nominating Committee: Kathryn Saenz Duke nominated and moved the approval of the slate of officers and board members presented in the annual membership kit. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to elect the slate as presented.

Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting:

President	Georgia Gates-Derr
Administration VP	Susan Hauser
Program VP	Michele Ellson
Membership VP	Doris Gee
Secretary	Mari Clark
Treasurer	Adina Singer

Directors nominated and elected at the Annual Meeting:

Action co-chair	Karen Butter
Action co-chair	Felice Zensius
Communications chair	Keasha Martindill
Fundraising chair	Douglas Neu
Voter Service co-chair	Juelle-Ann Boyer
Voter Service co-chair	Ken Werner
Bay Area League Liaison	Sally Faulhaber
Bay Area League Liaison	Kate Quick

Nominating Committee for 2019 elected at the Annual Meeting (two board members to be appointed by the incoming Board of Directors)

Marilyn Ng, Anne McKereghan and an OPEN position.

Directions to the Board: Bill Smith proposed that LWVA’s local position on Land Use be modified to include a phrase “promote residential construction.” This proposal will be considered by the Board for action at the 2019 Annual Meeting

Announcements: President Georgia Gates Derr presented “leaving-the-board” gifts to Marian Breitbart, Ruth Dixon-Mueller and Cindy Silva

Adjournment 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Silva, Recording Secretary



TREASURER’S REPORT, FIRST NINE MONTHS 2018-2019

Checking Account - Bank Of Marin

Balance Sheet Calculation

Beginning Cash 7/1/2018	\$ 27,852.02
Receipts 7/1/2018-3/31/2019	\$ 18,320.16
Expenditures 7/1/2018-3/31/2019	<u>\$ (15,355.04)</u>
Cash on Hand 3/31/2019	\$ 30,817.14
General Fund Balance 3/31/2019	\$ 30,817.14

Operating Statement

Receipts	\$ 19,500.16
Expenditures	<u>\$(15,355.04)</u>
Gain/(loss) from Operations	\$ 2,965.12

Certificate Of Deposit \$ 10,108.61

Adina Singer, Treasurer

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Expenses			
A. OPERATING COSTS			
1.PO Box Rental/permit	110	112	116
2. State Fees (AG/SOS)	20	20	20
3. Insurance	100	100	100



5. Easy Web Maintenance	400	397	400
6, Dues Rebate	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	\$630	\$629	\$636
*Dues Assistance has been removed as a budgeted item but remains available per standing rule			
B. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION			
1. Officer Expenses	50	50	50
2. Board Tools	50	108	100
3. Membership brochures, renewal kit, new member kit	350	350	400
4. Membership renewal Postage	90	125	200
5. Administration/Comm/Membership	200	200	200
6. Retreat	200	199	200
SUBTOTAL	940	1,032	1,150
C. CONVENTION/ANNUAL MEETING			
1. National/state/Conv/Council	2,200	4,545	6,750
2. Annual Meeting (net)	100	100	100
SUBTOTAL	2,300	4,645	6,850
D. PER MEMBER PAYMENTS			
1. County Council	0	0	0
2. LWV Bay Area @\$2.50/member/\$0.50 family*	225	203	342
3.LWVC @\$28/\$14 per member/family member	2,842	2,842	3,192
4. LWVUS @\$32/\$16 per member/family member-17/18	3,248	3,248	3,648
SUBTOTAL	6,315	6,293	7,182
*Increase of \$1/0.50 for 2018/19, and \$1/0.50 for 2019/2020			
E. PRINTING & SUPPLIES			
1. Voter Printing	10	10	10
2. Voter Postage	10	10	10
3. Other Printing (Annual Kit, Directory)	500	500	500
4. Other Postage	60	60	60
SUBTOTAL	580	580	580
F. EDUCATION			
1. Publications/Position support	50	50	50
2. League State/National Program Study	50	50	50



3.Voter Services Rental-	1,125	1,125	990
4. Voter Service Publicity	795	795	477
5. Voter Service Printing	400	710	300
6. Program (5) Forums-Rental	1,125	1,125	1,410
7. Program Forums-Misc/food/handouts	400	400	330
8. Program Publicity	1,236	1,236	1,295
9. Smart Voter/Voter's Edge Contribution	1,000	1,250	1,500
10. Know Your Rep Printing and Smart Voter	88	88	88
11. Easy Voter Guide	640	640	640
12.Hot topics rental	0	0	0
13.Videography	600	600	800
SUBTOTAL	7,509	8,069	7,930
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2019-2020 Budget Assumptions

Income	
1	Membership estimated at 3/31 to be conservative, up \$81 over prior year
9	Increased budget for Youth Outreach, offset by expected grants/fundraising
Expense	
A1	\$6 increase to cover potential annual USPS rental fees increase
B2	Doubled 2019/20 budget of \$50 to \$100 to match actual spending past two years
B3	Increased due to higher printing costs due to more members
B4	Postage has gone up from \$.50 to \$.55 effective Jan. 2019 will need more in Membership postage
C1	Increased cost assumptions for National convention based on actuals; this is single



	highest cost for year
D	Per member payments based on 1/31 membership filed with national
D2	\$3/\$1.50 is an expected increase of \$1/\$0.50 for 2019/20
E1/2	Voter printing/postage - included small stipend this year to defray minimal ink/postage costs but none printed 2018/19
F1/2	State/national positions and study - \$0 for past 4 years, was \$100 in 2013/14 so split as reserve
F3	Voter Forums - decrease due to 3 events instead of 5 for primary election year, have budgeted for \$330 max per rental vs. previous \$225
F4	Same cost as last year, decrease due to 3 events vs. 5 prior year
F5	\$100/forum for 3 forums vs. 5 forums; actual spend 2018/19 was \$142/forum
F6	5 total - 3 @ \$250, 2 @ \$330, 6th forum possible if venue free/extra contributions
F8	Program publicity - includes one non-MYPO color ad, reduces Facebook (FB) paid ads in favor of free FB local group posting
F9	Increase requested mid-year for 2017/18 and 2018/19, assumes another increase in 2019/20
F11	Assumes same amount spent as last election year (2016/17), 500 copies are free so only used if extra needed for primary
F13	\$100/event for up to 8 events
G3	Increased in anticipation of League Centennial events in 2020
G4	Increased budget for Youth Outreach, offset by expected grants/funding

LWVA COMMITTEE REPORTS 2018-2019

Action Committee

Schools and Communities First

We did it! Our League collected over 1,000 signatures to qualify The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act for the November 2020 ballot. This ballot measure (no number yet) restores over \$11 billion a year for our schools and local communities by closing a Prop 13 Corporate loophole. It does not raise taxes on homeowners, renters or small businesses. It helps small businesses by eliminating the burdensome business personal property tax while also leveling the playing field for new businesses. It mandates full transparency and accountability for all revenue restored to California’s schools and local communities. Since we are 18 months away from the election, there are no immediate actions to be taken. Google “Schools and Communities First” or go to www.LWVC.org and then to ‘Our Work’ for more details.

State Legislation

The LWVC supports dozens of bills having to do with Campaign Financing, Climate Change, Education, Housing, Immigration, Voting Rights and Water, to name a few. Local chapters follow these measures as their interest dictates. We can agree with the State League by writing a letter or making a phone call or saying nothing at all. We cannot disagree. To follow these issues go to: bill status at www.LWVC.org or our website at www.LWVAlameda.org. You can also find the status of any individual bill at: www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov

State Advocacy

The League of Women Voters of California encourages informed and active participation in government. They review bills before the California legislature as well as ballot initiatives. The State is looking for volunteers to act as Legislative Analysts reviewing bills and drafting letters. If you’ve been involved in an area where



legislation is being written, you might like this work. For more information go to www.LWVC.org and search for State Advocacy where you will find Job/Volunteer Opportunities on the Legislative Committee.

Money in Local Politics

To enable Alameda voters to better understand the source of campaign funds without wading through lengthy reports, LWVA translated numbers into easily understood graphics for the past two elections. A subcommittee of the Action Committee, led by Allan Mann, compiled campaign finance charts following the required reporting periods for Mayor, City Council and School Board candidates and for Measure K on the November 2018 election. Spending charts were also produced for Measures A (A Wellness and Respite Center) and B (Open Space) in the April 2019 special election. Next year the Committee will work toward the development of recommendations for Alameda City campaign finance reform initiatives.

Pros and Cons

The Action Committee produced Pros and Cons for the 2018 local ballot measure and for the two measures in 2019. Additionally, members of the Action Committee and Board developed LWVA position statements for the Measures, following Board approval. All the Measures that LWVA supported or opposed were endorsed by the voters.

Transparency and Good Government

In October 2018 a citizen filed a complaint with the City's Open Government Commission around the process the City Council used in adopting an Ordinance. The complaint alleged that the Council's changes to the Ordinance had not been properly noticed. The League spoke at a number of City Council meetings supporting the complaint and urging the Council to re-hear the Ordinances and allow for an independent legal counsel for the Commission. The Council re-heard the ordinances in April 2019 but there had been no action on the independent counsel request.

Karen Butter and Felice Zensius, Co-Chairs, Action Committee

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee continued to expand its efforts to effectively convey the work of the League. Our team generates and manages publicity through multiple media channels: website, newsletter, eBlasts, news releases to print and on-line news sources, and social media. Highlights of this program year were as follows.

- Published six issues of the VOTER newsletter.
- Coordinated the filming and promoted the video of seven LWVA events.
- Kept website updated to coordinate with eBlasts, and added quality content. Examples of the latter include creating a page for each LWVA committee to advertise their volunteer opportunities, and adding League news articles and LWVA committee reports to the website. On an average monthly basis, our website attracted over 3,600 unique visitors this past year.
- Crafted and sent 29 eBlasts (most on a twice-monthly basis) to members and friends of the League. Over 35.4% of recipients (including non-members) read our eBlasts, well above the industry standard of 22% for nonprofits. Grew eBlast audience in the last year from 464 to 512 subscribers, largely due to the efforts of the LWVA Membership Committee.
- Continued use of Facebook to publicize 47 LWVA events, and matters of interest to the League. Our Facebook admin group made 200+ posts this past year, and grew our audience from 576 to 684 people who like and follow us. Each month, on average, our posts reached over 7,000 people, and achieved 300 engagements (i.e., readers liked, clicked or shared the post they saw).



- To save work-hours, linked LWVA's social media accounts so that our Facebook posts were automatically sent on Twitter.

The Communication Committee's goals for 2019-2020 are to:

- Strategically, tactically, and consistently use social media to
 - Promote community participation in LWVA sponsored events, and
 - Inform local voters, and engage them in meaningful, respectful dialogue about laws and policies that affect them.
- Keep the LWVA website easy to navigate (for members and first-time site visitors alike) and updated with our organization's latest activities and legislative efforts.
- Improve the website so that when locals query the Internet to find info on voting or other League issues, they will see lwvalameda.org at the top of their search results.
- Create and maintain collaborative relationships with other local organizations by sharing their events (which align with LWV positions) to our social media and email subscribers, and website visitors.

Your Communications Team during the past year included Anna Crane (eBlasts), Ert O' Hara (website consultant), Miska Kazda (Voter Editor), Keasha Martindill (eBlasts, social media, website), Kate Quick (Facebook), and Lisa Yap (website).

Please consider volunteering for the Communication Committee! We especially need a

- Website Manager with HTML and CSS skills (time commitment 4 hours a month)
- Publicity Manager (time commitment 30 minutes about 10 times a year, training provided)
- Facebook Administrator (time commitment 1-2 hours a month, training provided)

All can be done from the comfort of your home, and on a time schedule that works for you. See all Communications Committee opportunities at www.LWVAlameda.org/communication-committee.html.

Keasha Martindill, Chair, Communication Committee

Fundraising Committee

This year's fundraiser and community mixer, Meet Your Public Officials (MYPO 2019), was held on March 21st in the upstairs ballroom of the Alameda Elks Lodge. Although the turnout was lighter than last year, many attendees stated they enjoyed the evening, and most of the event went off without a hitch.

A special thank you to the PO speed daters who took time out of their busy schedule to join us: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Jennifer Williams, Andrew Thomas, Elsa Ortiz, Amber Childress, Debbie Potter, Kevin Kearney, Jim Oddie, John Knox White, Mia Bonta, Kevin Kennedy and Rob Bonta.

MYPO 2019 grossed \$6,762 from ticket sales, auction and raffle, and wine bar. Although lower than 2018, net proceeds were higher, at \$5,330, mainly due to lower expenses.

The committee met after the event to discuss what worked and potential improvements for the next event. The amount of work and people needed to make this event a success is tremendous, especially for the three months prior to and during the event. The committee recommends that the League board along with the Fundraising chair explore the possibility of hosting this event every other year and finding another source of fundraising/revenue during the off year.

I would like to express my gratitude to the MYPO 2019 committee that helped make this event a success: Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Doris Gee, Mark Hamilton, Keasha Martindill, Marilyn Ng, Susan Hauser, Adina Singer, Michele Ellson, Jesse Cooke, Christine Ellwood, Paul Lindstrom, and Chuck Scanlon! Thank you to everyone who



purchased tickets for the event; who contributed food and wine; who donated raffle and auction items; and who worked so hard the night of the event.

Due to an increase in my workload at my employment, I have decided not to return as the Fundraising chair for the 2019-2020 term. I will assist the new chair in any way possible to ensure a smooth transition. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I will look for other ways to provide my service to LWVA.

Douglas Neu, Fundraising Chair

Membership Committee

LWVA's Membership Committee invites new members for coffee to discuss our activities and volunteer opportunities and encourages the active participation of all of our members in the education and advocacy work of the League. We currently have 156 men and women members, just shy of the all-time high of 167 in late 2018. We are trying to grow our membership via social media and a user-friendly website where you can easily join or renew online at www.LWVAlameda.org. Full-time students ages 16 years and older can join the League for free. The National League is encouraging younger people to be part of the League and has waived the annual dues.

We try to match volunteers' interests with our various committees. If you are willing to share your skills and time with us even on an occasional basis, please let us know. Visit www.LWVAlameda.org/volunteer.html to learn about the opportunities we offer. In spite of all the wonderful social media and technology, nothing beats the good old-fashioned connections that our new members need when joining a group such as ours.

Here are some things you can do to stay informed about events and issues:

- Check your email for upcoming events with LWVA's twice-monthly eBlasts.
- **Sign up** for a FREE *Bay Area Monitor* with news about the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area at www.bayareamonitor.org or on *Facebook.com/bayareamonitor*
- The California State League of Women Voters has a great page to sign up and get action alerts at www.LWVC.org/stay-informed.
- Join us on *Facebook: League of Women Voters of Alameda*. Please "like" us on a Facebook and check back often for the latest information. We have also been holding informal get-togethers at members' homes for prospective members (bring your friends!), many of whom have joined.

A big thank you to the membership committee, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Marian Brietbart, Ken Werner, Linda Garvin, Anne Spanier, Marilyn Ng, Susan Schainker and Dorie Guess-Behrstock who work hard to grow our membership and increase visibility in the Alameda community. For technical support we thank Douglas Neu and Mari Clark. Membership is at every League forum and event. The membership committee meets the last Wednesday of each month at 9AM. Would you like to come visit us? Email me at dorisgee48@gmail.com.

Doris L. Gee, Chair, Membership Committee

Program Committee

The Program Committee organizes free community forums to educate Alamedans on topics of local interest and to improve the community's understanding of and participation in the democratic process. The committee also provides logistical support for the Alameda League's election forums. Highlights of the 2018-2019 season included the following:

- September-October: Provided logistical support for four local election forums that featured candidates for mavor. citv council. school board and hospiatal board. plus information on state and local ballot measures.



- January: Community forum, ***Bridging the Partisan Divide***, January 24 at Phoenix Alameda. Featured speakers: University of San Francisco professor James Taylor, California State University-East Bay assistant professor Dr. Jean Lin, and Better Angels representatives Leslie Lopato and Steve Taddei.
- April: Community forum, ***The California Voting Rights Act & District Elections***, April 23 at Phoenix Alameda. Featured speakers: Demographer Shelley Lapkoff of Lapkoff & Gobelet, consultant/researcher Robb Korinke of Grassroots Lab, Fremont City Councilwoman Teresa Keng, and League member Anna Crane.
- May: Community forum, ***Saving Alameda from Sea Level Rise***, May 30 at the Harbor Bay community club. Speakers: Dr. Kristina Dahl, senior climate scientist, Union of Concerned Scientists; Todd Hallenbeck, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) team; Erin Smith, deputy public works director, City of Alameda; and Arthur Feinstein, Sierra Club California.

The Program Committee is eager to hear your ideas for forums for the 2019-2020 season and welcomes volunteers to help plan, organize and staff forums. Sign up to volunteer on the League's website, at <https://www.lwvalameda.org/programs-committee.html>.

Michele Ellson, Chair, Program Committee

Voter Service Committee

Voter Education

Our four pre-election **candidates and issues forums** in Fall 2018 were lively and well attended. Special thanks to Michele Ellson for arranging the venues and setup, and to the four moderators and many volunteers who worked the events and produced the informational handouts. League volunteers also distributed copies of the Easy Voter Guide at all events and in public places around the community.

Sept. 27 at Phoenix Alameda: four candidates for Alameda Unified School District board of directors and two candidates for the City of Alameda Health District board of directors.

Oct. 3 at Elks Lodge, three candidates for Mayor of the City of Alameda and a presentation by LWVA members of pros and cons on City Measure F (1/2 cent sales tax increase to support city infrastructure & services) and Measure K (incorporation of City rent stabilization ordinance into the City Charter).

Oct. 11 at Elks Lodge: five candidates for Alameda City Council.

Oct. 25 at Phoenix Alameda: presentation of pros and cons on State ballot propositions plus East Bay Regional Park District Measure FF and Peralta Community College District Measures E and G.

In collaboration with the Action Committee, Voter Service also produced and distributed pros and cons on Measures A and B in the April 2019 special election.

Voter Registration

The focal point for our Fall 2018 pre-election activities was **National Voter Registration Day** on Sept. 25. LWVA registered voters at three venues: Alameda Point Collaborative (APC), the Alameda Free Library, and Alameda Farmer's Market. Prior to this, on August 7, we were invited by AUSD to host a Multi-Lingual new student organization at which several bilingual League members assisted students and parents who were registering or pre-registering to vote.

In Feb. 2019, we successfully negotiated a dedicated Voter Registration URL for LWVA with the Secretary of State. For those of you who know what we're talking about, the URL is publicized as a "Bitly" and a "QR". LWVA receives a monthly status report on activity of the URL; it remains to be seen how per-registration payment will be handled. (The League receives a small fee from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters for each documented paper Affidavit submitted.)



Throughout the year, the Committee has offered voter registration opportunities at every LWVA Community Forum and at other events as well as compiling a complete inventory of Voter Registration Affidavits at various Alameda locations and maintaining a supply of Affidavits and display materials throughout the community.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Ken Werner to get involved in the coming year!

JuelleAnn Boyer and Ken Werner, Co-Chairs, Voter Service Committee

Youth Outreach Committee

In partnership with the College of Alameda (CoA), DEMOCRACY MATTERS: LWVA/CoA High School Civics Scholarship Program was created four years ago. Democracy Matters was designed to encourage creative thinking, enhance knowledge of civics, raise awareness of the political process for potential youth voters and their families, and to encourage membership in the LWVA.

How the LWVA/CoA Partnership works:

- The LWVA chooses the debate topic from positions the League has taken on public policy issues.
- The CoA determines the contest format. Student participants in this year's speech tournament expressed their views on the topic: *What Would Motivate Young People to Vote?*
- The LWVA is responsible for the scholarship funding.
- CoA Communications Department provides coaching and public speaking skills, which include practice and research facilities as well as the venue for culminating event.
- CoA provides each high-school participant with one college credit in Communications.

The LWVA Board voted to contribute \$1500 to the April 2019 4th annual High School Speech Tournament for a \$1000 scholarship to the winner and a \$500 scholarship to the runner up. Five excellent finalists competed from Alameda High School and Alameda Science and Technology Institute (ASTI): Soela Ng (winner), Kenechi Obiorah (runner up), Katrina Chan, Vincent Gao and Eman Khatri.

Judges were Judge Tara Flanagan, Alameda County Superior Court; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor, City of Alameda; Tim Karas, President of College of Alameda; and Gloria Chun Hoo, First Vice President of the League of Women Voters California.

Are you interested in working with Youth Outreach this coming year? Please let me know!

Alice Fried, Chair, Youth Outreach Committee



LEAGUE PROGRAM: POSITIONS AND ACTION (DEFINITION)

A League position is the stand of the League on a public issue. It serves as the basis for advocacy or 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.

Recommended LWVA Program 2019-2020

Local:

- Retain all existing Local positions
- No new study or update study for 2019-2020
- Adopt as Issues for Emphasis for 2019-2020:
 - Schools and Communities First
 - Campaign Finance Reporting
 - Civics Education and Voter Registration in High Schools
 - Transparency and Good Government

State: Making Democracy Work in California, Environment/Natural Resources, Health Care, and Tax Reform

National: Campaign for Making Democracy Work with four priority areas: Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, and Redistricting

Local Positions of the League of Women Voters of Alameda

The Board recommends the re-adoption of the Local Positions as approved at the June 23, 2018 Annual Meeting.

CITY CHARTER (1978, 2016)

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) supports measures providing simplicity and transparency in the City Charter through clarification of meaning and elimination of obsolete or inapplicable provisions.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (1997, 2016)

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) supports measures that protect the resilience of Alameda’s residents and businesses through disaster mitigation, training, response and recovery.

The City’s disaster preparedness plan should clearly define the roles and responsibilities of public officials, employees, public and private agencies, organizations, utilities, and other entities related to public health and safety and social services.

ELECTIONS (1985, 1998, 2016)

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) supports the adoption of a Fair Campaign Practices Code by the City Council for the local election of Public Officials with the goal of ensuring greater transparency of donations and spending.

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.

LAND USE (1974, 2016)

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) supports land use policies and revisions of the General Plan that are designed to:

- I. Advance the general welfare of the residents of Alameda in such areas as housing, public and social services, noise and odor control, beautification, and commercial and industrial development.
- II. Improve existing traffic patterns, including public transportation and access to BART. Alternatives to increased auto usage, such as bike paths and walkways, should be actively pursued.
- III. Promote light industrial and commercial development using all available means engendered in state law. Existing commercial areas should be upgraded and rehabilitated.
- IV. Implement existing conservation and open space elements of the General Plan. The City has the responsibility to ensure that the existing shoreline is developed and maintained for public use.
- V. Ensure that periodic reviews of the General Plan and its related elements incorporate comprehensive community input, including public hearings and posting of proposed changes in public media at the pre-draft, draft, and adoption stages.
- VI. Express land use policies clearly, with concrete goals and objectives that adequately reflect cost considerations, environmental factors, and citizen input.

HOUSING and TRANSPORTATION (1989, 2005, 2016, 2018)

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) supports City housing and transportation policies that:

- I. Fulfill Alameda's needs for housing at all economic land mobility levels. New developments should have a variety of densities and amenities including universal design standards that will support continuation of the quality of life now enjoyed in Alameda.
- II. Provide maximum feasible open space, defined as sufficient communal green space, walking paths, playgrounds, tot-lots, and other naturally landscaped areas to encourage and enhance livability and strong community identity.
- III. Meet or exceed current standards for energy efficiency. All designs should show consideration for minimum negative impact on air, water, and surrounding natural environment.
- IV. Provide an appropriate number of off-street parking spaces for each type of housing in the mix.
- V. Maximize the use of public, accessible, and alternative modes of transportation in order to maintain livability and decrease traffic on residential streets.
- VI. Ensure the safety of entrances and exits to housing developments, schools, business and shopping areas.

LIBRARY (1991, 2016)

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) supports a public library system that meets the diverse needs of all Alamedans. Funding for the Alameda Free Library should be increased. If the Library receives additional funds through taxes, bond measures or grants/gifts, General funds should not be reduced. Hours of service for the Main and neighborhood libraries should be increased, including weekend and evening hours, as well as space for library functions. Library resources should reflect changing uses and technologies, with an emphasis on popular materials, reference, and children's sections. LWVA urges the City Council to approve the Library Strategic Plan, including its mission and goals, and to support a viable library system in Alameda.



Positions of the Alameda County Council Of Leagues (ACC)

Changing or dropping one of these positions must be approved by 5 of the 6 Leagues of Alameda County. Action on any of these positions must be approved by a majority of the Leagues.

The LWVA Board recommends re-adoption of the following positions

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (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 that 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 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
- 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

The LWVA Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates for elected positions on the Board of Directors for the 2019-20 fiscal year. In accordance with LWVA Bylaws, we submit the names of six officers and eight additional members who have agreed to become or continue as directors. We note that our Bylaws allow for up to 20 directors. A number of additional committee positions do not require Board membership.

Proposed Slate for LWVA 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Officers nominated to be elected at the Annual Meeting

President	Susan Hauser
VP Administration	Anne McKereghan
VP Programs	William Smith
VP Membership	Doris Gee
Secretary	Ruth Dixon-Mueller
Treasurer	Adina Singer

Additional directors nominated to be elected at the Annual Meeting

Action chair	Karen Butter
Bay Area League liaison	Sally Faulhaber
Bay Area League liaison	Kate Quick
Communication chair	Keasha Martindill
Fundraising chair	Paul Lindstrom
Voter service co-chair	Laura Kinley
Voter service co-chair	Ken Werner
Member at Large	OPEN

Nominating Committee

Non-Board members (three to be elected at the Annual Meeting)

Dorie Guess Behrstock
Cynthia Silva
OPEN

Board members of the committee (two) will be selected by the incoming Board of Directors

Respectfully submitted by the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee,

Anne McKereghan, Chair

Marilyn Ng

Kate Quick

Adina Singer

Patti Heimberger (deceased)



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA STATEMENTS AND POLICIES

League of Women Voters of the United States Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. *LWVUS website*

LWVA Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan 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.

LWVA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA), in both its values and practices, is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWVA on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, military status, national origin or disability. The LWVA affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of the City of Alameda in its members, board, and programs. The LWVA recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's mission in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

-Revised and approved September 20, 2018 by the LWVA Board of Directors.

LWVA Nonpartisan Policy

Definition: The League of Women Voters as an organization neither supports nor opposes political candidates.

Policy Statement: Responsibility for the maintenance of the League's reputation as a nonpartisan group rests with the League Board. The League Board must be consulted if questions arise. In making decisions, the Board will rely to a large extent upon the whole situation.

- League Board members may serve on appointed Boards, Commissions, or Committees.
- League Board members who are actively running by publicly announcing they are forming a committee, or hold an elected or party office may not retain their position on the Board.
- The President, Action Chair, and Voter Service Chair may not take a public or active role in elections or recalls of candidates.

Revised and approved September 21, 2017 by the Board of Directors.

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF ALAMEDA

2019 Annual Meeting Reservation Form **PLEASE RESERVE BY WED. JUNE 19TH**

Saturday, June 22, 2018 – 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
PASTA PELICAN RESTAURANT, 2455 MARINER SQUARE DRIVE

\$35.00 for buffet lunch. Price includes tax and tip. No host bar

Reserve online: Pay with credit card at <http://www.lwvalameda.org/annual-meeting-luncheon-2019.html> (click on Shop at the bottom of the page) and choose your entrée choices online

... OR ...

Reserve by mail: Mail this page with a check payable to LWV Alameda for \$35.00 per lunch to LWVA, PO Box 1645, Alameda CA 94501. Choose your entrée here (please check one)

Salmone Picatta: filet of salmon in a lemon butter sauce w/sautéed mushrooms, capers & fresh basil

Pollo Marsala: pan-seared chicken breast served in a Marsala wine sauce with sautéed mushrooms

Penne Pomodoro: Penne pasta topped by a marinara sauce with fresh basil & diced Roma tomatoes

YOUR NAME _____

YOUR PHONE _____

Questions about payment? Contact adinasinger@gmail.com

Please bring this Kit with you to the Annual Meeting

