

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA**  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 17, 2022  
Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

**Board members present:** Anne McKereghan, presiding; Ashley Lorden, Karen Butter, Anna Crane, Doris Gee, Jeff Cambra, Irene Dieter, Ken Werner, Susan Hauser, Kate Quick, Sheila Durkin. **Other members present:** Ruth Dixon-Mueller, William Smith, Mari Clark, Barbara Simon Harris.

**Call to order:** Anne McKereghan called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Susan Hauser moved, Anna Crane seconded, and we approved the agenda. Kate Quick moved, Sheila Durkin seconded, and we approved to accept the consent agenda.

**President's Report:** Thank you to volunteers helping with the candidate forums coming up in June. A call for questions to ask candidates through Voter's Edge is out, please provide responses if you have ideas so all candidates get interesting, quality questions. Our nominating committee is especially looking for candidates for communications, fund development, and youth outreach; please reach out to them if you have a nomination. We have 3 delegate spots for the National Convention in June, contact Anne if you are interested in representing us.

**DEI Moment:** An entertaining skit demonstrated how the State Legislature took emergency action to change the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in support of public university students, but not those at private colleges, which will continue to block housing for them. We learned that 16% of UC Berkeley students are unhoused.

**Program Committee Report:** On March 31, we have an online program about NextRequest, the new software for all City of Alameda records requests (except APD). On April 21, we are planning a joint program with CASA about sustainability, timed closely with Earth Day. We will try to adjust that date and if we can't, we will move the April Board Meeting.

**Action Committee Report:** We've had productive conversations on Campaign Finance Reform and Action Committee work. The Alameda City Manager has resigned and we will try to be involved in conversations if possible. A bond measure needs volunteers to analyze, write pros and cons, and make a recommendation to the Board about our support by the April meeting. We are considering sending a letter to the City Council about the discrepancy in time allowed for public speakers on consent calendar items versus regular agenda items. A letter on RCV was in the Alameda Sun this week, and there's a new online newspaper the Alameda Post which we'll look to connect with.

**Treasurer's Report:** A strawman budget for next year has been created to gather the Board's input. We have an extraordinary amount in reserves and we propose several useful additional expenditures including increasing our Voter's Edge donation, voter services

materials, and communications to the public. VerifyIt has received direct donations and continues to seek grant funding, but they could also have extraordinary expenses to develop a new version of the game. We're also considering a donation to support voter enfranchisement and upholding democracy in areas of the country where it is critical this year. The Voter Services group will use current year budget to purchase a canopy for outdoor events.

**Annual Meeting:** Our meeting is on 6/18 and hearing no objections, we will plan to have it in person. Materials will be provided electronically with paper copies available by request. We are looking at establishing an online member directory and will research secure tooling options.

**Alameda Fourth of July Parade:** The parade is happening this year and we will aim to participate and recruit someone with an interesting vehicle.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.