

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, May 20, 2021
Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

Board members present: Susan Hauser, presiding; Anne McKereghan, Ashley Lorden, William Smith, Karen Butter, Anna Crane, Laura Kinley, Keasha Martindill, Doris Gee, Sheila Durkin, Sally Faulhaber, Kate Quick. **Other members present:** Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Jeff Cambra, Irene Dieter, Preston Jordan.

Call to order: Susan Hauser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Keasha moved and Kate seconded to accept consent agenda.

President's Report: Karen moved and Laura seconded expressing our support for HR1814, Educating for Democracy Act to expand civics education. Laura and Susan will begin to work with our State and National League partners about how we can support the bill. Our funds from Alameda County Council voter registration work are being distributed through the Eden League and we should receive ~\$900 soon; they would appreciate a volunteer from our League to help administer this in the future. Alameda County Board of Supervisors has determined to have staff work on redistricting and will be collaborating with community organizations, including us, for public outreach, with trainings in June. We will likely use Voter's Edge for education around the June Primary; Bonnie Hamlin will be in touch about that. We have our 4 voting delegates registered, and additional nonvoting delegates are invited to attend our State Convention June 7-13. Keasha and Barbara have been working hard to convene a forum planned on June 15 to get to know our Special Election primary candidates for AD18.

Membership Report: We are up to 140 members, and sent out our Annual Meeting packets recently. The printed contact information insert has some out-of-date information and we will be sending out a current list.

Youth Outreach Committee Report: Kristan is seeking graphic design volunteers to help with materials for the speech competition in 2022. Reminder to review all materials with Communications before distributing.

Nominating Committee Report: Keasha has agreed to stay on Communications next year, while also stepping in as VP Admin. We have a number of new members getting involved in committees, which is a good sign to have some new people step into positions next year.

Action Committee Report: We have requested that the City publish which State bills they oppose or support in their consent calendar for transparency with the public. The City is considering appointing a Hearing Officer to adjudicate cases before the Open Government Commission. The Action Committee will review this change. Irene and Preston presented a recommendation to change the election method for the City of Alameda offices to ranked choice at large. This Charter change would need to be brought about either through City

Council or collecting signatures to place an initiative on the ballot. AUSD offices would require a separate change. Irene moved, Anna seconded, and we passed a motion for the LWVA to take the lead on getting ranked choice at-large voting on the ballot for Alameda City elections, which would look to partner with other organizations.

Program Committee and EDI Report: The EDI team will have an initial focus on enfranchisement for underserved communities, and to connect with them through existing organizations and by supporting programming that impacts their daily lives, rather than aiming to bring more diverse people into the League to start. Jeff recommended inclusion training by Jen Nguyen, who gave customized sessions to the Rotary, and Anne proposed doing some foundational training sessions to prepare for a deeper conversation at our Board Retreat in August. Bill moved, Anna seconded, and we approved the task force connecting with Jen to arrange up to 2 sessions prior to the Retreat, primarily using remaining Program budget from the current fiscal year.

Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.