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VOTER

**Promoting Political Responsibility Through Informed
and Active Participation**

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VOTER RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 1** The right to vote if you are a registered voter.
- 2** The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list. You will vote using a provisional ballot.
- 3** The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.
- 4** The right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5** The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake, if you have not already cast your ballot.
- 6** The right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7** The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place in California.
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- 9** The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures and watch the election process.
- 10** The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

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OFFICIAL VOTER INFORMATION

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT
<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/voter-info/>

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit LWVAlameda.org/calendar.html for more information

- FRI. NOV. 2**
5:30pm-7:00pm
FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL. Sushi House, 2375 Shore Line Drive, Alameda. RSVP: Ruth Dixon-Mueller (510) 865-2439 or dixonmueller@yahoo.com.
- TUE. NOV. 6**
7:00am-8:00pm
ELECTION DAY: CALIFORNIA GENERAL ELECTION 2018. Your Polling place, GO VOTE!
- THU. NOV. 15**
7:00pm-9:00pm
LWVA BOARD MEETING. Alameda Hospital, Room C (first floor). All LWVA members are welcome to attend.
- MON. NOV. 19**
3:00pm-4:30pm
MONTHLY BOOK CLUB. Fascism: A Warning, by Madeline Albright. Applebee's Restaurant, 2263 South Shore Center, Alameda.
- SUN. DEC. 2**
LWVA HOLIDAY PARTY. Home of Li Volin, 1506 Eastshore Dr, Alameda. All welcome. Details to be announced soon.
- FRI. JAN. 4**
5:30pm-7:00pm
FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL. TBD. RSVP: Ruth Dixon-Mueller (510) 865-2439 or dixonmueller@yahoo.com.
- THU. JAN 17**
7:00pm-9:00pm
LWVA BOARD MEETING. TBD. All LWVA members are welcome to attend.
- SAT. JAN 19**
10:00am-3:00pm
WOMEN'S MARCH OAKLAND. Oakland. The #WomensWave is coming. Are you ready to march?
- SAT. JAN. 26**
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: PROGRAM PLANNING. TBD.
- MON. JAN. 28**
3:00pm-4:30pm
MONTHLY BOOK CLUB. Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee. Applebee's Restaurant, 2263 South Shore Center, Alameda.
- FRI. FEB. 8**
5:30pm-7:00pm
FIRST FRIDAY (on the Second Friday this Month!) SOCIAL. TBD, RSVP: Ruth Dixon-Mueller (510) 865-2439 or dixonmueller@yahoo.com.
- SAT. FEB. 9**
9:30am-3:00pm
2019 LEAGUE DAY. TBD. Save the date for 2019 League Day! Details soon at lwvbayarea.org/event/2019-league-day.
- WED. FEB. 13**
5:00pm-8:00pm
DARK MONEY FILM SCREENING. Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak Street, Alameda. See the film that exposes one of the greatest threats to U.S. democracy.
- THU. FEB. 21**
5:30pm-7:00pm
LWVA BOARD MEETING. TBD. All LWVA members are welcome to attend.
- MON. FEB. 25**
3:00pm-4:30pm
MONTHLY BOOK CLUB. Hey Kiddo, by Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Applebee's Restaurant, 2263 South Shore Center, Alameda.

Action Committee News – by Action Committee Chairs Karen Butter & Felice Zensius

Great news! The Schools and Communities First petition officially qualified for the November 2020 ballot. Interestingly, an LA Times article says that the California Legislature could take action before a vote is taken. You may read it at <https://lat.ms/2CJgpnH>.

The League of Women Voters supports campaign finance practices that ensure full disclosure of contributions and expenditures. We have created charts this election season to show who is funding the campaigns for Alameda Mayor, City Council, and School Board candidates, and the campaigns for and against Measure K. This information is online at lwvalameda.org/alameda-campaign-finance-review.html. Note that updates were made on 30 October, and will again be made post-election.

Membership Update – by Membership V.P. Doris Gee

Welcome to our newest members: Robert Matz, Hee Jeong Matz, Konrad Matz, Chandler Matz, Susan Reyes, Isabelle Reyes, Jeanne Kettles, and Jessica Cooke. Many of them joined at a very successful open house our committee held in October. As a result, we now have 176 members.

We will be sending out renewal notices in November; individual memberships cost \$70 and family memberships are \$97. You may bring your renewal check to the LWVA holiday party on 2 December at the home of Li Volin.



Doris & Mocha study the ballot

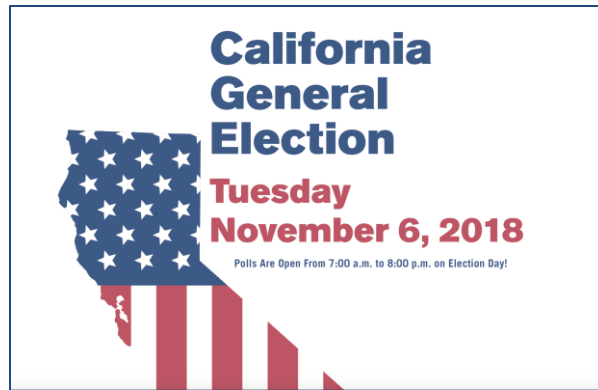
Voter Service Report – by Voter Service Chairs J.A. Boyer & Ken Werner

Making Democracy Work highlights from this fall’s election season:

- Registered potential voters on National Voter Registration Day and Alameda’s Bike for the Parks Day.
- Wrote comprehensive Pros and Cons, and succinct and well-reasoned recommendations, for two City of Alameda ballot measures.
- Submitted four LWVA letters to the editor, all published in the *Alameda Sun*.
- Held four Candidates & Issues Forums that were attended by 310 Alamedans.
- Posted LWVA campaign funding charts on our website, distributed charts at voter forums, and notably, some charts were featured in issues of the *Alameda Sun*.
- Led presentations to eight community groups; events were attended by 330 people.
- Videotaped all election forums—view at lwvalameda.org/lwva-election-forum-videos.html.
- Made multiple social media posts on voting and League issues that reached over 10,000 readers.



A special thank you to all our volunteers: Deni Adaniya, Janet Basta, Marian Breitbart, Karen Butter, Mari Clark, Georgia Gates Derr, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Susan Driscoll, Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Michele Ellson, Tara Etayo, Shubha Fanse, Tara Flanagan, Heather Fowler-Salamini, Linda Garvin, Susan Gavrich, Doris Gee, Dorie Guess-Behrstock, Karen Guthrie, Mark Hamilton, Susan Hauser, Kathleen Kearney, Dorothy Kerwin, Jeanne Kettles, Ashley Lorden, Allan Mann, Keasha Martindill, Joanne McKay, Doug Neu, Marilyn Ng, Kate Quick, Liz Rogers, Sharon Schinker, Anne Spanier, Gail Weninger, Lisa Yap, Felice Zensius, and Wayne Zensius.



Voting Resources – an edited email from California Secretary of State to California voters.

Tuesday, November 6, 2018, is the General Election in California. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. This email includes important and official voter resources from the California Secretary of State to prepare you to cast your ballot this election.

Voter Information Guide Online

To research statewide propositions and candidates, visit: VoterGuide.sos.ca.gov.

Check Your Voter Registration Status

Registered voters can check their voter registration status and voter preferences using the "My Voter Status" tool at VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov.

Find Your Polling Place or Vote Center on Election Day

Registered voters can look up their polling place or vote center: sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/.

Early Voting Locations

Any registered voter can visit their county elections office in person to drop off their vote-by-mail ballot or request to vote a vote-by-mail ballot on or before Election Day. To find early voting or ballot drop-off locations in your county, visit: CaEarlyVoting.sos.ca.gov.

Voters with Disabilities

County Voter Information Guides describe how persons with disabilities can vote privately and independently. For more information, visit: sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voters-disabilities/.

Quick Guide to Propositions

Review the Secretary of State's official "Quick Guide to Propositions" tool at quickguidetoprops.sos.ca.gov/propositions/2018-11-06.

Download the Vote California Smart Phone App

Get connected with important election information for the November 6, 2018 General Election. Use it to check your voter status, find your polling place or review our Quick Guide to Propositions. Search "Vote California" in the Apple Store or on Google Play.

For more information visit: sos.ca.gov/elections/.

California General Election 2018 Quiz – Compiled by Keasha Martindill

Q1-Q9 based on vote.sos.ca.gov, acvote.org, cocovote.us, and lwvalamed.org. Data pulled 11/14/18.

1. Which ballot measure required a supermajority vote (55% approval) to pass?
 - a. Measure G
 - b. State Proposition 2
 - c. Measure FF

2. Match the candidate to the race
 - a. AC Transit Director, At-Large
 - b. Insurance Commissioner
 - c. State Appeals Court, District 1
 - d. Board of Equalization, District 2
 - e. Alameda School Board
 - f. Kevin Jordan
 - g. Dollene C. Jones
 - h. Mark Burns
 - i. Ricardo Lara
 - j. Peter John Siggins

3. Which ballot measures are currently passing?
 - a. Prop 2 for mental health housing and Prop 6 to repeal the gas tax.
 - b. Prop 4, the children’s hospital bond, and Measure K, the Alameda rent charter amendment
 - c. Measure FF, an East Bay Regional Parks tax extension, and Prop 7 about daylight saving time.

4. Which statement is true?
 - a. One California Supreme Court justice has not yet received enough yes votes to be retained.
 - b. The percentage of votes that separates 3rd (Oddie) and 4th place (Matz) for City Council is < 1%.
 - c. Cthulu has received the most votes for State Treasurer.

5. Who is the Green Party candidate who ran for U.S. House Representatives, 13th District in California?
 - a. Leondra Kruger
 - b. Laura Wells
 - c. Steven C. Bailey

6. Which mayoral candidate received the most campaign funds?
 - a. Trish Spencer
 - b. Frank Matarrese

7. Which school board candidate received the most campaign funds?
 - a. Anne McKereghan
 - b. Gary Lym

8. Which ballot measure was a proposed bond for Peralta College upgrades and repairs?
 - a. Measure E
 - b. Proposition 12
 - c. Measure G

9. Who was the biggest contributor to the No on Measure K campaign?
 - a. Alamedans in Charge
 - b. Alameda Justice Alliance
 - c. Alameda Renter’s Coalition

10. Which states have the most seats in the U.S. House of Representatives?
 - a. California has 53, Texas 36, Florida and New York 27, Illinois and Pennsylvania 18.
 - b. California has 53, New York and Texas 36, Florida 27, Ohio and Illinois 18.

Answers: 1a. 2ag, 2bi, 2cj, 2dh, 2ef. 3c. 4b. 5b. 6b. 7a. 8c. 9c. 10a.