

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, November 18, 2021
Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

Board members present: Anne McKereghan, presiding; Ashley Lorden, Karen Butter, Anna Crane, Sheila Durkin, Kate Quick, Jeff Cambra, Irene Dieter, Ken Werner, Susan Hauser.
Other members present: Ruth Dixon-Mueller, William Smith, Linda Bytof, Lianne Campodonico, Annie Liu, Carol Kasperek, Mari Clark, Red Lustig.

Call to order: Anne McKereghan called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
Anna moved, Ken seconded and we approved adding a report on Ranked Choice Voting to the agenda. Anna moved, Doris seconded, and we approved to accept the consent agenda.

President's Report: We connected with Amos White from 100K Trees for Humanity and clarified that the need is for an organization to help drive forward tree planting initiatives. We don't have clear capacity to do that, but will look for opportunities to share information on this work. Legislative interviews will take place in February; Carol and William volunteered to conduct our interview with newly inducted Mia Bonta. The League survey is due 12/10; Anne will divide questions for each committee to respond to. Anne and Susan are planning to audit votes for 2 upcoming organizations; we've set \$250 for private organizations and \$150 for nonprofits donation for this service. We're still looking for volunteers to coordinate with the Registrar of Voters; reach out to Anne if interested. We're seeking greater transparency and a clarification around the policy on Supervisor Chan's rapid replacement process, information on which was not easily available to the public and is largely at the discretion of the remainder of the Board of Supervisors.

DEI Moment: William shared a personal story about how his partner changed daily routines to avoid a time and place in our community where attacks on Asian Americans have recently happened. Red shared information from Hollaback's Bystander Intervention Training, which suggests taking cues from the person being harassed on whether your intervention is desired. Use the 5 Ds to intervene: Distract (make a scene or start a random conversation), Delegate (ask for help from someone in authority), Document (film the situation including the area -- it is legal to film anyone in public but check local laws and with the person being harassed before posting), Delay (gently approach the person being harassed after exiting the situation), Direct (speak to the harasser what you want them to do eg "step back"). Red will share additional resources.

Youth Outreach Report: Linda shared an opportunity to form a partnership with the Students Learn Students Vote Coalition and National Voter Education Week (which the former organizes) to promote VerifyIt. These are already partnered with the national League, are nonpartisan and only partner with nonpartisan organizations. Linda moved, Kate seconded, and we approved officially partnering with these groups. We introduced our intern Annie Liu, a junior at ACLC and our first student intern, who started in September focusing on social media civic engagement. Annie uses Canva to design media and

SmartPost to schedule posts, and plans to pursue a business degree and continue nonprofit work in the future. She is interested in meeting more women who pursued nonprofit careers, you can connect with her through Youth Outreach.

Ranked Choice Voting Report: Irene reported successful presentations at Temple Israel and online with ACDC, and that we are getting the 20-minute pitch fine-tuned with practice. Reach out to connect us with other groups to get more awareness of RCV. Suggestion to reach out to All Faith Coalition to introduce to other local groups.

Holiday Party: Proposal to gather at Li's house in the afternoon 12/5 to facilitate an outdoor version of the traditional potluck gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Claus are reported available. Confirmation of details and invitations to be sent out shortly.

New Business: DHS has issued proposed DACA regulations, some of which make it more difficult to participate. Linda suggests submitting comments individually on this issue. Several leagues nationwide have creative ideas to promote voter registration, civic engagement, and League membership, and Sheila will share details on these ideas to see what we might adopt.

Good of the Order: Question if we are planning to reinstitute Meet Your Public Officials fundraiser; feedback is that it was a lot of effort to organize and requires a committee to lead it. We currently have no plans to bring this back, but Membership has planned to send speakers to various groups to introduce the League. We discussed finding more easy opportunities to fundraise from our membership without organizing major events. Reminder that redistricting comments are due next Tuesday.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm in honor and memory of Wilma Chan.