

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, September 15, 2022
Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

Board members present: Anne McKereghan, presiding; Keasha Martindill, Ashley Lorden, Karen Butter, Anna Crane, Irene Dieter, Ken Werner, Susan Hauser, Cynthia Silva. **Other members present:** Mari Clark.

Call to order: Anne McKereghan called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Susan moved, Ashley seconded, and we approved to accept the consent agenda.

President's Report: We had 75 attendees at our City Council forum over Zoom on Monday, and we will share all our forum recordings widely for more exposure, with School Board and Mayor next week. Anne attempted to make public comment at the last City Council meeting but was prevented by the very limited public comment time period, and did share at the School Board meeting, that our forums are available for all to view. ACC recommends not taking a position on Measure D. Anna moved that we not take a position on county Measure D, Susan seconded, and we approved. Our Reproductive Rights Task Force met but does not yet have anything to share with the group. We are looking forward to our Voter Registration event this Saturday.

Membership Report: We continue to identify new members at a slow but steady pace, and recently had a new member volunteer for the Communications which will be a great help.

Youth Outreach Report: We will have Voter Registration activities at 5 different schools (Encinal, AHS, Island, ACLC, SJND) over the next 2 weeks. Cassidy Chan, our student intern, has helped a lot with materials. We can pre-register 16- and 17-year olds, and can register anyone over 18 who happens by. We will explore if Cassidy or another student can help moderate our School Board forum.

Action Report: We gave an in-person RCV presentation with a mock election recently that generated positive feedback and another presentation request. Continue to get a positive reception at the Farmer's Market each week. We analyzed both local ballot measures and recommend that the League remains neutral on both. Council salaries should increase, but not necessarily with the formula presented in the ballot measure; not enough research and evidence have been provided for this change. The League should support removing many barriers to running for office (such as reducing fees required for a candidate statement). Karen moved, Anna seconded, and we voted to take a neutral position on Measure E. We would prefer for citizens to not directly vote on taxation. Susan moved that we accept the committee's recommendation to take a neutral position on Measure F. Allan Mann has recruited a small team to work on developing local campaign finance reporting to post on our website at the beginning of October.

DEI Report: Alameda Pride Event is coming up on October 8 where we have a table and can share information on all our current work – voter registration, RCV, League membership, ballot positions, etc. Please contact Anne to sign up for a volunteer shift to staff our table.

Good of the Order: We have limited volunteer bandwidth, which prevents us from addressing some of our goals and the lack of redundancy is a big challenge when key people are unavailable. We'd like to develop specific asks for skills or roles for people to step into. Suggestion for each committee to identify their top volunteer asks. Suggestion to follow up a few months after a member joins if they expressed interest in volunteering to make sure they could connect to a role.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.