

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

An Inter-League Organization of the San Francisco Bay Area

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CONVENTION 2016 KIT

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016
9:30 am Registration
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm Meeting

San Mateo Community College District Board Room
3401 CSM Drive
San Mateo, CA 94402

Confirm delegates to Madeline Kronenberg mkronen@aol.com, by Tuesday, May 3

Directions:

College of San Mateo is located between Highway 101 and Highway 280 in San Mateo County. The college can be reached off of Highway 92 at West Hillsdale exit. Go North on West Hillsdale to CSM Drive. At the stop sign, turn Left (away from the main campus). The District Board Room is located on the left above the parking lot. LWV signs will guide you. There is no public transportation, so we suggest carpooling.

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Materials in this kit are intended to facilitate the business of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Biennial Convention on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Voting members of the Convention include Bay Area League Board members, Presidents and delegates chosen to represent the Local Leagues of the Bay Area. The number of delegates for each League is determined by the membership numbers transmitted from LWVUS and Article 10 of our bylaws; numbers are on page 7.

For an expeditious registration, we need you to e-mail the names of delegates and any attendees and to bring these Convention materials. Materials were also sent e-mail for your distribution to delegates.

1. Registration is \$25.00 per League. Mail check to Eloise Bodine, 1521 Lincoln Street, Berkeley, CA 94703 (or pay at the door).

2. E-mail delegate & attendee list to Madeline Kronenberg mkronen@aol.com by May 3, 2016.

WE NEED EACH LEAGUE REPRESENTED!

League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Convention 2016

Proposed Order of Business

- 9:30 - Registration Beverages and rolls
- 10:00 - Call to Order Introductions and Board Report
Credentials Report
Appointment of Committees
Review Convention Minutes
Elections
Parliamentary Advice
- 10:10 - Adoption of Convention Rules
Adoption of Order of Business
- 10:20 - Presentation: History of LWV Bay Area and Regional Governance Efforts
- 11:10 - Treasurer's Report - Eloise Bodine
Presentation of proposed budget – Eloise Bodine
Budget Debate and Adoption
- 11:20 - Proposed Amendments to Articles of Incorporation and By Laws
- 11:25 - Recommended Program Presentation and Discussion - Linda Craig
Program Debate and Adoption
- 11:35 - Nominating Committee Report – Marion Taylor
Election of Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee
- 11:45 - Advice to the Board
- 12:00 - Adjournment

PROPOSED RULES

LWVBA CONVENTION 2016

1. Delegates shall be voting members chosen by their local Leagues. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote.
2. Main Motions and substantive amendments shall be put in writing and shall contain name and League of mover. One copy shall be sent to the chair.
3. Debate and Discussion. Speakers shall first state clearly their name and League. Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker unless time is extended by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the convention. No person may speak more than once until all who wish to speak have done so.
4. ADOPTION OF PROGRAM
 - a. Recommended program shall be moved for adoption by members of the LWVBA Board.
 - b. Non-recommended items may be moved for consideration after the recommended program is presented. A delegate so moving may make a statement no longer than three minutes explaining the reason for consideration. Any non-recommended item moved for consideration must have been submitted to the LWVBA Board by its March 7 deadline. The motion shall not be debatable. If a non-recommended item is moved for consideration by the delegates, the LWVBA Board shall explain its reasons for not recommending it before the vote is taken. Such a statement shall be limited to three minutes. The vote to consider shall be taken immediately. Items receiving a majority vote are automatically before the Convention for adoption without any further motion.
 - c. Non-recommended items (in the order in which they were voted consideration) and the recommended program will be taken up at one time for debate, possible amendment and the vote to adopt at time given in the agenda.
 - d. Vote requirement: A 3/5 (three-fifths) vote is required to pass non-recommended items. A majority vote is required to pass recommended program.
5. Nominations for officers, directors and the Nominating Committee may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured in advance.
6. Privilege of the Floor shall be given to National and State Board members, past LWVBA Presidents, LWVBA Board nominees, as well as representatives of those committees reporting to the Convention.

LOCAL LEAGUE AUTHORIZATION FOR DELEGATES TO THE 2016 CONVENTION OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

(1)Membership per LWVUS,(2)Delegates per bylaws (3)President/alternate (4) Total Delegation

League Name	1	2	3	4
LWV Alameda	104	2	1	3
LWV Benicia	37	1	1	2
LWV Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville	238	4	1	5
LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale	75	2	1	3
LWV Diablo Valley	137	2	1	3
LWV Eden Area	110	2	1	3
LWV Fremont/Newark/Union City	108	2	1	3
LWV Los Altos/Mt. View Area	183	4	1	5
LWV Marin County	162	3	1	4
LWV Napa County	22	1	1	2
LWV North & Central San Mateo County	147	3	1	4
LWV Oakland	322	5	1	6
LWV Palo Alto	253	4	1	5
LWV Piedmont	171	3	1	4
LWV San Francisco	172	2	1	3
LWV San Jose/Santa Clara	140	3	1	4
LWV Sonoma County	137	3	1	4
LWV South San Mateo	105	2	1	3
LWV Southwest Santa Clara Valley	143	2	1	3
LWV West Contra Costa County	60	1	1	2
LWV Bay Area Board Members				11
	2826	51	20	78

Membership figures for delegates INCLUDE LWVUS, STUDENT and HONORARY MEMBERS.

LWVBA Board members are also delegates.

LWVBA Proposed 2016-17 Budget July 1-March 31, 2015

	2015-16 Budget	YTD	Proposed 2016-17 Budget
Income			
PMP	2575	2535	2543
Rental	3707	2952	3818
Events	5140	3838	4725
Interest	5		3
From reserves	3087		3747
Total income	14,514	*9,325	14,836
Expenses			
Board/President	400	347	400
Rent	7414	5570	7636
Supplies	100		100
LWVUS & LWVC			
Convention & Council	1300		1300
Directory	200	180	200
Action on Issues	150		150
Event Expenses BALD	3500	2732	3500
Fees/Taxes	50	20	50
Website/ISP	160	160	500
Donation to The Monitor	1000	1112	1000
Total Expenses	14,514	*10,121	14,836
Net Income		-796*	

Based on 2365 members @\$1 & 355 2nd household & student members @ \$0.50
Monitor rent payments of 2 months @\$310.44 + 10 months @\$319.75

BA League Day based on 135 attendees @ at average of \$30 each + \$275 for other events
2 months @ 620.88 + 10 months @ 639.51
New website + retention of LWVC website

*Income of \$1306 is anticipated for the remainder of 2015-16: \$300 for Bay Area Convention and \$931 for rental income.

Expenses of \$3626 are anticipated: \$1826 for rent, \$1300 for LWVUS Convention, \$400 for website, And \$100 for Bay Area Convention hosting.

The estimated Net Income for the year is therefore \$-796-3626+1306=-3191, which will come from reserves.

Bank Balances as of March 31, 2016

General Fund Checking	6213.79
General Fund Savings	3,244.20
CD 1	11,567.88
CD 2	11,314.36

Total Bank Balance **\$32,340.23**

League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Proposed Resolutions to Amend Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

RESOLUTION #1: Amendments to Articles III and VII of the Articles of Incorporation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Articles III and VII of the Articles of Incorporation be amended as follows to enable LWVBA to qualify under IRC §501(c)(3):

Article III. This corporation is organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California. This corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and it is organized for nonprofit purposes. It is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Article VII. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or the benefit of any private persons. In the event of the merger or dissolution of this corporation for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of the corporation shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the corporation and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions. If this corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the county in which the corporation has its principal office, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation, in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

RESOLUTION #2: Amendment to Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Articles IV of the Articles of Incorporation be amended as follows to reflect the current operating location of LWVBA:

Article IV. The principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is located in Alameda County,, State of California.

RESOLUTION #3: Amendment to Articles II and VIII of the Bylaws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Articles II and VIII of the Bylaws be amended as follows to enable LWVBA to qualify under IRC §501(c)(3):

Article II, Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the LWVBA is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, and to act on selected governmental issues. The LWVBA is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the LWVBA shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the LWVBA shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Article VIII, Section 7. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of the merger or dissolution of the LWVBA for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of the LWVBA shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the corporation and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

In the event of dissolution for any cause of the LWVBA, all money and securities that may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the LWVBA shall be paid to the LWVC. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the LWVBA shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the organization having possession of same to such person, organization, or corporation, for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the board.

RESOLUTION #4: Amendment to Article V of the Bylaws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article V of the Bylaws be amended as follows to update its provisions relating to directors, and to change the effective date of the terms of officers and directors:

Article V, Section 2. Selection of Directors Ten (10) directors, six four (64) of whom shall be elected as officers, shall be elected by a majority of those members eligible to vote at the biennial convention and shall take office on the July 1st following such convention. The newly elected directors following the biennial convention may appoint up to five (5) additional directors.

RESOLUTION #5: Amendment to Article X of the Bylaws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article X of the Bylaws be amended as follows to extend the time frame during which the biennial convention shall be held and delete unclear provisions:

Article X, Section 1. Place, Date, Call and Notification A convention of voting members shall be held biennially between May 1 and June 15 even-numbered years. . The board shall determine the time and place of the convention. The president shall send a call for the convention to delegate members through the local League presidents not less than two months prior to the opening date of the convention fixed in said call and shall

instruct the local League presidents to convey both the call and notification to the delegate members in their respective Leagues.

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM - 2016-18

Results of Local Leagues LWVBA Program Planning for 2016-18

The Board, at its March meeting, reviewed the responses and recommendations from local Leagues. We had suggested priorities of Transportation, Regional Governance and local Climate Action. No League recommended a new study or update of a current position.

Priorities recommended by local Leagues

Alameda			
Benicia			
Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville	Local Climate Policies	Regional Planning/Merger	
Cupertino/Sunnyvale	Transportation	Regional	

		Governance	
Diablo Valley	Regional Planning (Sea Level Rise)	Water	
Eden Area	Transportation	Local Climate Action	
Fremont Newark Union City	No comment		
Los Altos/Mountain View			
Marin County	Regional Housing	Transportation	
Napa	Regional Housing		
No. and Central San Mateo Co.			
Oakland	Transportation	Housing	
Palo Alto	Housing	Transportation	Climate Change
Piedmont	Transportation	Climate Change	
San Francisco	Regional Housing		
San Jose/Santa Clara	Transportation	Climate Change	
Sonoma	Transportation	Climate Change	
South San Mateo County	Transportation	Reg. Governance	Local Climate Action
Southwest Santa Clara Valley			
West Contra Costa	Air/Climate Change	Transportation	

LWVBA BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board, at its March meeting, reviewed the response and recommendations from local Leagues, and made the following recommendation to the Convention delegates.

- Adopt as priorities for 2016-18 – Transportation Measures and Climate Change. Regional Governance will continue as a basic LWVBA priority.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT (updated 5/2000)

Support legislative action to establish a multi-purpose regional planning agency for the nine Bay Area counties with directly elected representatives from newly established districts

Support, in the interim, state or local government action to consolidate existing regional agencies

Support measures to make regional decision making bodies representative of the population distribution and region-wide governmental, environmental, social equity, and economic interests

1. Recognition that many regional functions require cooperation between the level of government closest to the people and regional governing bodies
2. Concerted effort to maintain local government identity within the regional framework
3. Authority for the designated regional planning agency (currently ABAG) to prepare and implement a long-term, comprehensive regional plan and capital improvements program according to state policies and guidelines, with:

- a. power of eminent domain
 - b. authority to review local general plans and major development proposals for consistency with the regional plan
 - c. power to allocate or withhold federal and state funds to implement the comprehensive regional plan and capital improvements program
4. Mandatory local general and special district plan compliance with the comprehensive regional plan
 5. Reform of the state/local finance system to provide local governments with sufficient and dependable funding, and adequate funding for comprehensive regional planning and implementation

REGIONAL PLANNING (updated 5/2000)

Support legislation to establish state/regional/local comprehensive planning criteria that promote compact growth, natural resources protection, and social and economic equity

- 1 Include as planning considerations: environmental quality, transportation, conservation and environmentally sensitive development of the Bay, its shoreline and tributaries, parks, open space, agricultural lands and natural resources, sewage and waste disposal, housing, seismic hazards, employment, social equity, and economic health
- 2 Limit future growth to the existing urbanized areas in order to prevent urban sprawl, protect environmental resources, maintain open space around urban centers, utilize existing services, provide workforce housing close to jobs, and promote a regional transportation system, through:
 - a a regional growth framework that coordinates local growth boundaries and includes:
 - b land use controls outside the boundaries to protect agricultural lands and natural resources,
 - c requirements inside the boundaries for more job-related housing and transit-oriented development with consideration of social equity, and natural resource protection, and
 - d adherence of LAFCOs to the regional growth framework
 - e regional capital improvements program for allocating federal, state, and local resources for regional facilities, low-to-moderate income housing, and land acquisition to implement the regional plan
- 3 Create a sense of regional identity
- 4 Maintain local and community identity.

ENVIRONMENT Air Land Use Water Solid Waste (Updated 5/2000)

Support regional solutions to environmental pollution that provide effective air and water quality control and regional planning for solid waste management

Support measures for conservation and environmentally sensitive development of San Francisco Bay that promote enhancement and preservation of the Bay and its shoreline, tributaries, native vegetative communities and habitats

Support measures that ensure adequate parks and the protection of natural resources, open space, and agricultural land, both outside urban growth boundaries and in urbanized areas

Support natural resources policies to achieve:

- 1 Air and water quality standards that adequately protect people and the environment and effective enforcement of these standards
- 2 Clean air through regulation of motor vehicle emissions

- 3 Sound long-range planning for sewage, industrial and solid waste disposal
- 4 Conservation of the Bay's ecology, including tributaries and riparian and other native plant communities and habitats
- 5 Measures to ensure that public access does not degrade habitats and native plant communities and that economic growth does not adversely impact the environment
- 6 Requirement that the polluter pay for clean-up costs.

NATURAL RESOURCES*CEQA MITIGATION (condensed)

Support effective legislation, guidelines, and criteria for governmental decision making on mitigation of the negative environmental impacts of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that take into account whether: 1) the decision to proceed or not is environmentally sound and gives particular attention to cumulative impacts; and 2) the mitigation plan is properly implemented under an acceptable process for meeting legal requirements and public need.

- 1 Strengthen California Environmental Quality Act:
 - a clear process for project determination by the lead agency
 - b early public involvement with emphasis on public hearings
 - c environmental checklists identifying significant effects for initial study
 - d assessment of the broad cumulative impacts
 - e effective implementation of monitoring programs,
 - f sufficient funding for mitigations
- 2 Utilize CEQA to inform decision making in consideration of League positions on Regional Planning; Housing and Economics; Environment; Transportation and Hazardous Materials on whether to:
 - a avoid the project;
 - b proceed with the project as proposed;
 - c proceed with appropriate mitigations.
 - d proceed with an alternative project and appropriate mitigations
- 3 Apply appropriate criteria to the mitigation decision making to
 - a determine whether there is an acceptable or unacceptable process for meeting legal requirements and public need;
 - b identify the comprehensive and realistic environmental impacts of a project under CEQA, including cumulative impacts; and
 - c prevent or eliminate environmental damage.

*HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Support a hazardous materials management program that protects the public health and the environment from the adverse effects of hazardous materials in the Bay Area, including:

- 1 Identification of the hazardous materials used, stored and disposed of in each locality, including chemical/common name of hazardous material, quantity of substance and location, acute/chronic health effects and other potential risks from exposure, proper response procedures, method of disposal and route of transportation.
- 2 Disclosure to the lead governmental organization appropriate agencies and the public with proper safeguard for trade secrets and security concerns.
- 3 Mechanisms for coordination between agencies need to be developed with
 - a clearly defined agency responsibilities;
 - b clearly defined notification procedures;
 - c defined information dissemination procedures
 - d coordinated data base;
 - e single body responsible for implementation

- f statement of goals, objectives and policies for siting hazardous materials and hazardous waste facilities and for general management of hazardous materials in the foreseen future;
 - g integration with other local land use planning activities;
 - h consistency with the applicable general plan; periodic review;
 - i full and meaningful involvement of the public, environmental groups, civic associations and hazardous waste treatment or disposal facility staffs;
 - j establishment of an advisory committee with representatives from the above groups;
 - k incentives to site new hazardous waste treatment or disposal facilities; and
 - l consideration of provisions for public education, enforcement, surveillance, transportation; administration; funding for implementation; coordination between public and private sector; and incentives for waste reduction and recycling.
- 4 Adequate funding for hazardous materials management programs and public education by a combination of sources including user fees, penalties and fines, County and State General Funds, State Hazardous Waste Account, State and Federal Superfunds as appropriate.
- 5 Development of a hazardous materials management plan which should include the following elements:
- a an analysis of existing and projected hazardous materials use and disposal by type and volume;
 - b an inventory of existing facilities for storing, handling, recycling, treating and disposal of hazardous materials and estimated capacity of each;
 - c a program for management of small volumes of hazardous materials and waste; and
 - d identification of those facilities that can be expanded to accommodate projected needs, and identification of specific sites for new facilities or general areas for locating new facilities, and siting criteria to be used in choosing sites.

SOCIAL POLICY*HOUSING (Updated 5/2000)

Support a regional housing plan that provides for balanced and equitable housing throughout the region
Support federal and state legislation that facilitates the implementation of regional housing goals
Support a regional fair share housing plan as part of the broader comprehensive regional plan

- 1 Place special emphasis, consistent with compact growth principles, on local efforts to meet needs for very-low-to-moderate-income housing
- 2 State and regional guidelines for local policies that promote:
 - a higher density housing
 - b inclusionary zoning
 - c mixed-use housing
 - d housing near transit
 - e incentives for development of affordable housing
 - f incentives for rehabilitation of existing housing stock
 - g clarity and consistency in the development process
 - h emphasis on good design, maintenance and management of subsidized housing
 - i retention of subsidized housing as affordable housing
- 3 Requirement that major new commercial and industrial developments assist in providing housing for the jobs created by such developments
- 4 Establishment of a regional trust fund for the funding of needed housing development throughout the region

TRANSPORTATION*SURFACE (Updated 5/2000)

Support a long-term, comprehensive planning process consistent with the comprehensive Bay Area plan and growth management framework (currently ABAG's plan) to promote compact, transit-oriented growth patterns served by an efficient, interconnected, multi-modal transportation network

Support multi-modal, efficient, convenient, cost-effective, equitable, safe transportation planned in concert with land use and viable alternatives to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and single-occupancy vehicle use

- 1 The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as the currently designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), to develop criteria and a process for evaluation of alternative transportation investments (standard rail, light rail, BART rail, express bus, bicycle, ferry, highways, and parking facilities) as a framework for testing County proposals in order to build the most effective regional transportation system
- 2 The MPO to develop criteria and a rating system for allocating state and federal transportation funds to encourage compact, transit-oriented growth patterns, with:
 - a analysis of potential transportation investments to include their effect on future land uses in and beyond the Bay Area
 - b criteria to include reasonable fares, environmental effects on health (including air and water quality, noise reduction) and on agriculture and natural resources
 - c analysis to be presented as public information prior to selection of projects
 - d distribution of funds to be tied to cooperative local land use planning
- 3 Bay Area transit systems linked into an efficient, reliable, convenient and affordable regional transit network with attention to reasonable, fares, reduction of travel times, good feeder service, extensive hours of service, and easily comprehended directions for routes, schedules, and transit hubs, and passes for moving between systems. Good service to be encouraged by:
 - a monitoring the relative efficiency of various systems, and
 - b maintaining transit system options to mitigate interruptions in service (disasters, strikes) or to serve needs of people with special limitations
- 4 Transportation funding more reliably consistent with needs and long-term planning (e.g., annual adjustment of the gas tax to cover costs of road maintenance

TRANSPORTATION * AIRPORTS (Updated 5/2014)

Support coordination between environmental and land use concerns, and the need for aviation services in the Bay Area.

1. The safety of airport operations should be the primary concern in planning, designing, and operating airports.
2. Airport planning and operations should be designed to be compatible with area land uses, and with emphasis on considerations for the health, environmental, and land use impacts of the plans.
3. New development in neighboring areas that is incompatible with airport operations should be prevented through far-sighted planning and consistently enforced zoning ordinances.
4. Noise pollution from airport operations should be minimized and limited to levels that are not injurious to the health and well-being of area residents and businesses. Continuing monitoring should be required, along with the use of technical measures to mitigate noise pollution.
5. Airport access and egress should be safe and convenient for people, with an emphasis on mass transit. Convenient access should be provided for goods and services.
6. Existing airports should be maintained and improved before new ones are considered, with need, demand and cost taken into account.
7. Cooperative decision-making among jurisdictions that would be impacted is important in considering the needs of regional airports.

LWVBA Nominating Committee Report

MARCH 2016

President

Madeline Kronenberg
West Contra Costa County

Vice President, Administration

Vice President, Education Fund

Sherry Smith
Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville

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Board Member: Regional Government	Nancy Ianni San Jose/Santa Clara
Board Member: Transportation	Alex Starr Fremont/Newark/Union City
Board Member: At large	Ann Draper South San Mateo
Board Member: At large	Kathleen Cha Oakland
Nominating Committee 2016-2018	
Chair	Mary Alice Thornton Palo Alto
Member	Gloria Chun Hoo San Jose/Santa Clara
Member	Mary Ann Benson Piedmont

Nominating Committee, 2014-2016
Marion Taylor, Chair
Susan Graham
Lynda Hungerford
Nancy Ianni
Carole Levenson

LWVBA Biographies of Nominees, Convention Kit, 2016

Madeline Kronenberg is a member of the West Contra Costa County League and has served on the LWV Bay Area Board since April 2015 as Administrative Vice President. She has been a member of the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board since 2006. She was a teacher in the Hayward Unified School District for thirty years and is the mother of five children.

Sherry Smith, current VP--Education, Bay Area League, has served as Program Coordinator, Development VP, and President of LWVBAAE. A League member for 30 years, she's an attorney who in her professional career developed educational programs for attorneys and judges. A former Foreman of the Alameda County Grand Jury, she has also served as member and Chair of several Berkeley Commissions, including Open Government, Police Review, and Civic Arts.

Leslie Stewart has been a League member for 35 years. She has served on the LWV Diablo Valley Board in multiple capacities, as well as on the boards of LWVBA and LWVC. She has worked in nonprofit administration for over 30 years; the first 19 of those years were with the Bay Area Monitor Project, where she first became acquainted with the mysteries of nonprofit accounting. She represents the League on the Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Commission. She recently served for over 2 years as the Treasurer of the Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County. Her current hobby is genealogy.

Carole Levenson has been an active League member for about 25 years. In that time she has been on the Boards of the League of Women Voters of South Pasadena (alas, no longer a League), League of Women Voters of Piedmont, LWV California as Executive Vice President, and Management Training Adviser to the Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley/Albany Emeryville Leagues.

Veda Florez has been a member of the Marin County League since 2009 and a national member for ten years before in Napa County. She is a member of the Marin County Election Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Transportation Agency Public Advisory Council. Veda serves as the Voter's Edge County Coordinator and plays a key role in communications for her league. She has served on the LWV Bay Area board since 2014 as Communications Director. She is a marketing consultant focused on nonprofit communications and community advocacy. Her work emphasizes voting rights and low-income issues such as transportation access and minority causes. She is the principal of the non-profit LatinoMarin.org. Veda has a firm commitment to educate the public through media communications and produces videos at every League level.

Janice Gully-Blumenkrantz co-chaired the founding of the Climate Change Team of the League of Women Voters Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville, after retiring as a Reading Specialist from Alameda County Office of Education in 2005. Working to restore our climate, she has travelled to many League conventions and went to Washington, DC, to lobby for LWVUS for the passage of the climate change bill. She is a member of the Bay Area League's Interleague network and of its Natural Resources Committee. This past year she started monitoring the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Roma Dawson has been a member of the San Jose/Santa Clara League for four years and on its board for two years. She has been a member of the San Jose Arts Commission since 2013 and currently serves on its Public Art Committee. She has served as a staff member for several local elected officials focusing on economic development, land use, housing, parks and recreation, budget and community engagement. She staffed an update to San Jose's General Plan, Envision 2040 and San Jose's Housing and Community Services Council Committee.

Nancy Ianni served as City Council Member in San Jose for 12 years. Her civic service includes intergovernmental experience on the Executive Board of ABAG and Chair of the US EPA Environmental Management Project and the Santa Clara County Intergovernmental Council. She is a graduate of Stanford University and holds a California Secondary Teaching Credential. She has served on the LWVBA Board as Vice President and as Regional Government/Land Use Member.

Alex Starr joined the League in 1995. In the LWV Fremont/Newark/Union City she was membership chair, administrative vice-president, forum moderator, observer for Ohlone College Board and is now VOTER editor and Action Group Chair. On LWVBA Board since 2010 as Transportation Director; organized 2016 BALD program on transportation. A proud grandmother who trains her Chesapeake Bay Retrievers for field work.

Ann Draper has over thirty years of urban planning experience including serving as the Planning Officer of Sunnyvale, Community Development Director of Fremont and Planning Director for the County of Santa Clara. Ms. Draper also has public sector experience in economic development, housing and watershed policy development. She is the sole trustee for the Joan E. Draper architectural history endowment which supports projects at the University of California, Berkeley. For the South San Mateo County League, Ms. Draper is on the Board and has produced four community workshops on the effects of sea level rise on San Mateo County and efforts to reduce those effects. This past year, Ms Draper served on the Bay Area League Board monitoring BCDC and the Bay Restoration Authority.

Kathleen Cha, a member of the Oakland League who has managed its Easy Voter Guide, has just retired from ABAG. She is active in the American Association of University Women, having been California state president. She was a non-government organization delegate at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, 57th Session with a focus on the issue of violence against women: international strategies to prevent.

Mary Alice Thornton joined the LWV of Palo Alto in 1997. She retired in 1999 after 30 years as a public school teacher/administrator, and became an active board member in 2000. She has served as

Voter Service chair, Community Outreach and Speakers Bureau director, Membership director, VP – Program and Fundraising, and three years as President. Her current position is First VP. Her favorite League meeting each year is Bay Area League Day. She hikes with a Sierra Club hiking group, and is passionate about preserving our planet for future generations.

Gloria Chun Hoo is on the LWV California Board and is just ending a term on the LWV Bay Area Board. She was president of the LWV of San Jose/Santa Clara from 2010 to 2013 and before then the League's vice president, had co-chaired a study committee and served in other capacities. She is chair of a the County Council of the LWVs of Santa Clara County. She is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Santa Clara Open Space Authority and had served on the Planning Commission for the City of San Jose. Before retiring, she worked in museum and corporate communications/marketing.

Mary Ann Benson joined the Piedmont LWV around 1970. She has served in many positions and particularly enjoyed working on the VOTERs. She served on the LWVBA Board from 2008 to 2014 and was happy to learn more about the 20 Bay Area Leagues. A retired music teacher, Mary Ann enjoys the many cultural activities in the Bay Area.