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* SAVE THE DATE — BALD 2010

Bay Area League Day, Saturday, January 30, 2010,
Metro Center at Lake Merritt BART Station

Big Steps, Little Steps to Addressing Climate Change: Air Quality, Transportation, Housing, Land Use
LWVBA has secured outstanding speakers for a look at Climate Change in the Bay Area. Mark your 2010 calendar and watch for a flier with more information coming soon.

* SAVING THE BAY

Explore the past present, and future of San Francisco Bay with a wonderful look at our Bay narrated by Robert Redford.

Thursdays, October 8 and 15, 8 to 10 pm on KQED. Go to www.savingthebay.org

- Marvel of Nature (Prehistory to 1840)
- Harbor of Harbors (1849-1906)
- Miracle Workers (1906-1959)
- Bay in the Balance (1960 to present)

* LWVBA CALENDAR FOR YEAR

October 24, Saturday – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., LWV California Regional Meeting,
450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto

October 28, Wednesday – 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., Inter-League North, Berkeley

November 12, Thursday – 12 to 1:30 pm, Inter-League South, Palo Alto

January 30, 2010, Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Bay Area League Day, Oakland

May 29, 2010, Saturday – LWVBA Convention

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* LWVUS Task Force on Arms Control

The purpose of the LWVUS Task Force on Arms Control is to review the arms control position adopted in 1983 for relevance and effectiveness in today's world. Some may remember that several Bay Area Leagues were active in the 80s in study and adoption of the position.

With the change of Administrations in Washington, and with several treaties in limbo so to speak, this is a time for the League to become active again on this issue. The League was lobbying for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) from 1997-1999 when the Senate voted down ratification. The Obama Administration plans to bring it to the Senate again. The Bush Administration withdrew from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM) Treaty.

The Task Force on Arms Control is made up of 3 national board members and 6 others from around the country. Two of the six members are from the Bay Area--Dr. Ralph Kuiper and I, Lois Requist.

I'd like to see this issue brought to the attention of Bay Area League members. LWVUS convention is next June. I'm hoping by then many Leagues have asked that arms control issues become a priority.

One program is already planned. It is sponsored by the Peninsula Chapter World Affairs Council of Northern California, the LWV Los Altos/Mountain View, and the Los Altos Public Library. Wednesday, December 16th. "Arms Control: The Need for Urgency to Lead in Global Security as Nuclear Treaties Expire." (Info: www.itsyourworld.org)

Early in 2010 would be an ideal time to have programs on this subject, when local Leagues are doing program planning. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss this further.

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