



League of Women Voters  
of the Bay Area



**VOTER**  
November 2011

## SAVE THE DATE!

### BAY AREA LEAGUE DAY: Housing and the Bay Area's Future

Saturday, February 4, 2012, 9 - 2  
MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland,  
94607, one block from Lake Merritt BART

Presented by League of Women Voters Bay Area

The keynote speaker will be David Rosen, a leading expert in the field of affordable housing finance, policy, land use, lending and investment strategic planning. There will be panels of experts on

- 1) meeting regional housing needs in light of the sustainable communities strategy,
- 2) difficulties of financing affordable housing, and
- 3) how to serve the hardest to house.

There will be plenty of time for questions from the audience during each panel.

Cost: In advance: \$30 (\$15 without lunch); at the door \$35 (\$20 without lunch).



To register please write a check payable to "LWVBA" include your name and any guest names, and mail to LWVBA, 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612. Registration is also available online through January 27 via PayPal at [www.lwvbayarea.org](http://www.lwvbayarea.org). For more details, call (510) 839-1608 or send an email to [editor@bayareamonitor.org](mailto:editor@bayareamonitor.org).

## Transportation Committee

The LWVBA Transportation Committee is anticipating a busy fall season. We will be monitoring regional transportation agencies and planning organization, including at the individual county levels, all of whom are developing long-range plans to cope with decreased transportation funds and the increasing urgency of limiting carbon emissions from transportation.

We have a committed, hard-working group with a good record of accomplishment in the past year. We are now in need of help, however, from League members from all around the Bay to meet the challenges of this year -- to help ensure that the critical transportation plans now being developed will meet League criteria for providing cost-effective services, offering fairness to all, and above all, meeting goals for reducing the effects of climate change. This is extremely interesting work, and we hope many of you will join us.

Our next meeting will be November 9, at noon, in the Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville League office at 1414 University Avenue in Berkeley (above Andronico's). For more information, call me at 510-527-7727, or send an e-mail to [mbhawley@earthlink.net](mailto:mbhawley@earthlink.net). We hope to see you soon.

Mim Hawley



## Coming of Age Workshop



In the coming years, more than 70 million people will be retiring from full-time work and seeking meaningful ways to connect and contribute in their communities.

Is your organization ready to harness this powerful force?

Several League leaders have attended a two-day training which provides tools to help organizations do more with less. They got ideas on how to

- \* Craft compelling opportunities-volunteer or paid
- \* Publicize & market those opportunities & recruit skilled candidates
- \* Get the best from an intergenerational workforce
- \* Revitalize a volunteer program and create a doable, outcomes-driven action plan.

This training is available in San Francisco on November 3 and 10, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days.

Coming of Age: Bay Area

881 Turk St. @ Gough, San Francisco

Fee: \$49 per person. Fees include instruction, meals and comprehensive workbook.

To register, e-mail [ComingofAge@nchps.org](mailto:ComingofAge@nchps.org) by 10/25, or call (415) 474-7787 ext. 19,

Visit [www.ComingofAge.org/BayArea](http://www.ComingofAge.org/BayArea) or call toll-free (888) 308-1767 for more information.

--Marion Taylor, President, LWVBA

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## Contra Costa County Historical Society and History Center

Join us for Thursday evening lectures about Women's Suffrage at the Martinez Veteran's Hall, located at 930 Ward Street (corner of Ward and Court Streets) in Martinez.

October 27th at 7 p.m.

Diablo Valley College Professor Melissa Jacobson: "Unearthing the Past: Women's Suffrage in Martinez"

November 3rd at 7 p.m.

Historian Darlene Thorne: "In Their League;" California Suffrage through Vintage Postcards

November 10th at 7 p.m.

Authors Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi: "Wherever There's a Fight: Woman Suffrage and Civil Liberties in California"

Suggested Donation \$5

For info call: 925 229-1042 or go to <http://www.cocohistory.com/>

### Suffrage, noun

The right or privilege of voting; franchise.

The exercise of such a right.

A vote cast in deciding a disputed question or in electing a person to office.

A short intercessory prayer.

[Middle English, intercessory prayer, from Old French, from Medieval Latin suffragium, from Latin, the right to vote, from suffragari, to express support.]

### Publicize your League

List your League Meetings on the LWVBA website. Send the pertinent information to us at [webmaster@lwvba.org](mailto:webmaster@lwvba.org) and we will post it on our calendar.