



League of Women Voters
of the Bay Area



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BCDC Considers Bay Plan Amendment

The Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) will consider amendment of its Bay Plan to address climate change at its meeting on September 1. Following more than a two year process, the amendments will establish new policies to address the expected rise in sea/bay level by as much as 3 to 5 feet above the current sea level.

The amendments will provide guidance to low-lying areas around the Bay that may be vulnerable to sea level rise over the next century, but much of the plan will be advisory

to local government planning decisions, as the jurisdiction for BCDC permits will remain with salt ponds, managed wetlands, and certain waterways and land within 100 feet of the Bay.

The LWV of the Bay Area is monitoring these plan amendments and we feel they are a necessary improvement related to climate change issues. If your League area fronts on the Bay, please check out the amendments and see how they might affect new development in your area.

http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/proposed_bay_plan.

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Celebrations of Women's Suffrage in California

In August of 1908 the California Republican Convention was held at Ebell Hall in Oakland. Over 300 women suffragists marched from the Oakland Hotel to Ebell Hall to advocate for a plank endorsing women's suffrage. The chair of the Convention moved for a vote of thanks, and the suffragists seated in the gallery shouted "We don't want your thanks, give us the ballot!"

The platform did not include suffrage, but it was the FIRST suffrage parade ever held in California. This parade of over 300 women re-energized the suffrage movement which led to the successful passage of the suffrage referendum in 1911, after the defeat of suffrage in 1896.

This is an opportunity for Oakland to shine with pride by reenacting California's first suffrage parade. A number of organizations in Oakland are coming together to reenact the Suffrage Parade of 1908 on Sunday, October 2nd and they include LWV, AAUW, OHA, CLUW, ACLU, Girl Scouts of America, and more.

When: Sunday, October 2nd, 2011

Meet at 11 AM to Parade from 11:30 to 1:30

Where: The Bandstand in Lakeside Park, Lake Merritt

Note: Suffrage Colors: Purple symbolizing Courage and Justice, White: purity of Purpose, and Yellow: Hope, which came out of the Kansas campaign as their state flower was the Sunflower!

**See the next page for more opportunities to celebrate
this important centennial**

Celebrations of Women's Suffrage in California

The Solano Stroll Berkeley Suffrage March

Sunday September 11th at 10 am, Solano Ave. Suffragists of 1911, you are warmly invited to march for our cause in Berkeley in the Solano Stroll parade. Join the Berkeley Historical Society, the League of Women Voters, AAUW, Friends of the Library and many more. For more info or to sign up, berkeleywomenvote@gmail.com.

Oakland Suffrage Parade

Sunday, October 2, 11 AM - 1:30 PM
Lake Merritt Bandstand, Bellevue Avenue
A centennial celebration of women winning the right to vote in California. The first suffrage parade in California took place in Oakland in 1908 with a march to the Republican Convention at Ebell Hall to ask for a suffrage plank on their platform. While the march had over 300 women in attendance, the Republicans did not include suffrage on their platform. Three years later the Amendment for Suffrage passed on October 10, 1911.

We will kick off the Parade from the Bandstand at 11:30 AM with words from Mayor Quan. The parade will march up Grand Avenue and return to the Bandstand for a rally and speakers. Currently the organizations participating include LWVO, AAUW, Oakland Heritage Alliance, ACLU, Coalition of Labor Union Women, National Women's History Project and Girl Scouts of America. For information call 510.834.7640 or go to CentennialParade@aol.com

California's voters granted women's suffrage in 1911, when they adopted Proposition 4. Clara Elizabeth Chan Lee (October 21, 1886 – October 5, 1993) was the first Chinese American woman voter in the United States. She registered to vote on November 8, 1911 in California.

Wikipedia

Sacramento Suffrage Centennial Celebration

Sunday, October 9, 2011 all day in The Capitol Area and California History Museum in collaboration with state affiliates and several individuals and organizations, the California Suffrage Centennial has planned multiple events scheduled for the whole family through out the State Capitol area and the California History Museum in Sacramento. It is Columbus Day weekend and there will be exhibits, film screenings, living history presenters, community and public officials, music, reenactments of the debates, and reception. It will be a wonderful opportunity to dress up in fashions of that era and be a part of a promenade from the California History Museum to the State Capitol on the morning of October 10th. <http://www.ca2011centennial.com/>

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