

**LWVBA VOTER****January 2006**

To All:

**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Our first big event of the New Year is the **Bay Area League Day STATE OF THE BAY SYMPOSIUM** on Friday, January 27, 2006. Hope you can join us. All details below.

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**UPDATE FROM LWV BAY AREA****ACTION ON REGIONAL AIR QUALITY**

The LWVBA will be encouraging local Leagues in the Bay Area to support the adoption of local ordinances to restrict the emission of particulates from wood fired smoke. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's model woodburning and woodsmoke prevention ordinance is designed to improve air quality and public health by reducing particulate matter air pollution. LWVBA will provide a sample letter for you to send to your local City Council or Board of Supervisors on this important issue.

**REAFFIRMING THE SMART GROWTH VISION**

Communities within the Bay Area will be asked to reaffirm the Smart Growth Vision for our region that was established a few years ago. The Vision includes an emphasis on infill development, the coordination of transportation and land use planning, the protection of important open space resources and production of needed housing. Presentations will be made to elected officials throughout the region to explain the Vision, and reaffirm that there is regional agreement. Support from interested community groups would be welcome.

As part of this vision, regional agencies have begun work on sub-regional planning efforts around new transit station projects: Santa Rosa SMART station, Dumbarton Rail station in Menlo Park, Alameda Point ferry terminal, San Jose-Santa Clara Station for BART, Fairfield Multi-Modal Station for the Capital Corridor train, the Hacienda station for T-Bart in Pleasanton, the San Leandro Bus Rapid Transit Station, and a station on the e-BART corridor in east Contra Costa County. Local Leagues will become informed about and participate in a planning effort in your local area.

Finally, work is also beginning on plans for more compact development along key transportation corridors – El Camino Real in San Mateo County, 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland and San Pablo in Berkeley and El Cerrito.

For more information on any of these efforts, we invite you to attend our monthly Interleague Network meetings, or request to receive an e-mail copy of the minutes.

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**Calendar:**

**Thursday, January 12, 2006, 12:15 – 2pm, IN Committee South.** Westminster House, 457 Kingsley, Palo Alto. Please send agenda items ASAP to Iris R. Winogrand: [programvp@lwvba-ca.org](mailto:programvp@lwvba-ca.org) Please RSVP

**SAVE THESE DATES:**

**Saturday, February 25, 2006, 9 am until noon, at the South San Francisco Learning Center, 520 Tamarack Lane, South San Francisco.**

The San Mateo County League Day, "**Hetch Hetchy Water System: The status of the rebuild and the challenges ahead**" with Guest Speaker, Arthur Jensen, General Manager, Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency

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(BAWSCA). Registration 9 am, Speaker 9:45 – 11 am (no charge)

**Saturday, May 13, 2006: BAY AREA LEAGUE CONVENTION**

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**REMINDER:**

**BAY AREA LEAGUE DAY** – Friday, January 27, 2006 **STATE OF THE BAY SYMPOSIUM: RESTORATION – STEWARDSHIP - ACCESS**

Click here for more: [http://www.lwvba-ca.org/lwvba/flyer\\_BALD06.htm](http://www.lwvba-ca.org/lwvba/flyer_BALD06.htm)

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**Web Sites:**

Bay Area Monitor: <http://www.bayareamonitor.org>

LWVC: <http://www.ca.lwv.org>

LWVBA: <http://www.lwvba-ca.org>

LWVUS: <http://www.lwv.org>

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